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Russian Jews back Yeltsin, democracy

By PATRICIA RUCKER

The central representative body of Jews in the Russian federation is solidly behind President Boris Yeltsin in his confrontation with ousted Vice-President Alexander Rutskoi and his hardline supporters.

Dr. Roman Spektor, vice-president of the Russian Vaad, told *The Canadian Jewish News* Monday morning that the Vaad had issued a brief statement supporting Yeltsin and calling on him to re-establish democracy throughout Russia.

The CJN reached Spektor in his office as Rutskoi and parliamentary Speaker Ruslan Khasbulatov were being taken out of the Russian parliament building — the White House — following a violent overnight seige of the building by troops loyal to Yeltsin.

"Are you watching [CNN] television?" Spektor asked. "If you are, you know as much as we do. They are finishing the storming of the Parliament and are taking the leaders of the opposition out."

The Vaad supports Yeltsin, Spektor said, because "his opposition consolidates all the vicious, anti-Semitic elements" in Russian politics. "We believe he [Yeltsin] will do his best to provide real democracy and stop the development of fascism and communism in Russia."

Spektor laid the responsibility for the bloodshed squarely on the dissidents.

The Vaad's support for Yeltsin was consistent with the stand it took one day after Yeltsin dissolved the Russian Parliament and called for new elections.

In a statement issued Sept. 22, the Vaad said that Russia's future is being determined by the present confrontation.

"In this situation the leadership of the Jewish community of the country finds it impossible to remain on the sidelines. We express our support to President Yeltsin and the Russian government, considering that stability, order, economical and political unity of the state, the protection of human rights of the citizens and safety of democracy in Russia are impossible under the conditions that had existed until now."

By issuing its statement, the Vaad violated a law passed one day earlier by the hardline Parliament criminalizing support for Yeltsin. But the Vaad seemed more concerned about the nature of Yeltsin's opposition than any threats that opposition could make.

"Today, just as in August 1991, the country is divided into two camps. Above one of them — the flag of the new Russia. Above the other — the red banners of the past and the yellow-red-black-flag" of the ultra-nationalist, and often anti-Semitic, Pamyat movement.

"We choose the first one," the Vaad said.

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CJN columnist Sheldon Kirshner is currently in Moscow, and met with Spektor on both Sunday and Monday. However, the difficulty of getting through to Moscow by telephone or fax prevented Kirshner and *The CJN* from making contact.

During *The CJN's* telephone call to the Vaad office, which was punctuated with static and threatened to break off several times, Spektor took pains to reassure the Canadian Jewish community that the Vaad is working well in all regions of the country. "We are together," he said.

"Thank you for calling and give our warmest greetings to all Canadian Jews. Chag sameach and shalom!"

Peres' plan for peace includes investment

NEW YORK (JTA) — Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres wants three things from North American Jews: help in absorbing immigrants, investment in the peace process and a concerted effort to keep their children Jewish.

In a news conference conducted in Hebrew here last Sunday, Peres said the worsening situation in Russia, along with the improving situation in Israel, is likely to increase immigration to the Jewish state.

Donations to the United Jewish Appeal's Operation Exodus campaign pay for the transportation of immigrants to Israel and a portion of their initial resettlement expenses.

In a meeting with top American UJA officials last month, on the day the Knesset voted to endorse the recent accord with the Palestinians, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin "asked us to get Exodus moving as fast as possible," UJA National Chairman Joel Tauber said after returning from a 24-hour trip to Israel.

"It's a task of the highest level," was the way Peres described immigrant absorption. "It is forbidden to forget it."

The foreign minister said the second task for North American Jews — investing in the peace process — reflects the fact that the process is about contacts and connections as much as it is about politics.

Peres said U.S. President Bill Clinton set the proper course when he brought American Jewish and Arab leaders together at the White House immediately following the signing of the peace accord there Sept. 13.

Clinton asked the two groups to cooperate in joint ventures aimed at rebuilding the economies of the Gaza Strip and West Bank, to enable the Palestinians to see the fruits of peace.

The American Jewish Congress has already announced a joint effort with the National Association of Arab Americans aimed at investing in Gaza and the West Bank town of Jericho, where Palestinian autonomy will first be implemented.

Asking American Jews to preserve their Jewish identity and to teach their children Jewish history and the Hebrew language, Peres indicated that they are not the only ones faced with preserving their Jewishness in the face of a broader culture.

"I am more afraid of cable television (which has recently begun broadcasting in Israel) than I am of Arab armies," the foreign minister said, "because I know how to stop invading armies. I don't know how to protect against cable television."

In a more expansive discussion last week with the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, Peres explained that cable television "comes straight into your bedroom, brings in a lot of nonsense, and I wouldn't want to replace the series of the stories of the Bible with the series of the happenings in Dallas," referring to the popular soap opera.

"Today I'm worried about our smallness, not for military reasons, but for cultural reasons," he told the Conference of Presidents.

"Even if people will not come to Israel, (they should) adopt the Hebrew language, make it as a second language, so we can read the same books and share the same cultural occasions. We are the only Jewish state, with no relatives in faith, no relatives in language, no relatives in geography."

"The best guarantee for the existence of Israel," he said, "is the ongoing relationship between world Jewry, generally, and American Jewry, particularly.

"We are remaining partners in the business. And as we are changing the nature of our business," with the advance toward peace, "so do you, but we don't change the partnership."

Canada to contribute to Palestinian aid package

WASHINGTON (Staff and JTA) — Canada will contribute $55 million over the next five years toward improving the lives of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza.

Up to $15 million of that will be used in the first six to nine months of delivery of the international aid package designed to implement the Israel-PLO peace accord.

Canada's commitment is over and above the $50 million in development aid it pumps into the Middle East annually and well over the average $7.8 million it channels to the West Bank and Gaza yearly.

External Affairs department spokesman Rodney Moore told *The CJN* that Canada's assistance package will be on a grant basis and that the nature of the Canadian projects will be discussed with Palestinian leaders.

Among the Canadian proposals are the construction of homes in Gaza for Palestinian refugees living in Egypt, a rainwater catchment scheme and helping Palestinians develop their own institutions.

In all, Canada's pledge is designed "to improve the daily lives of Palestinians," Moore said.

The Canadian commitment "is not new money," said Moore, noting the sum will come from "existing" international commitments.

Ottawa's financial package was made here hate last month, when world leaders, including U.S., Israeli and Palestinian officials, joined together in a historic conference to pledge $2 billion (U.S.) in economic aid for Palestinians in the territories.

The International Conference to Support Middle East Peace, held at the State Department, was convened by the United States and Russia to help implement the Israeli-Palestinian accord and to encourage further steps toward peace throughout the Middle East.

Forty-six delegations arrived at the State Department for the donors conference and the pledges soon began pouring in. In the end, the conference raised $2 billion covering a five-year period, including $1 billion for the first two years and as much as $600 million for the first year.

The World Bank estimates that the Palestinians will need $2.4 billion over the next five years, and U.S. Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen said he was "confident" that figure would be exceeded.

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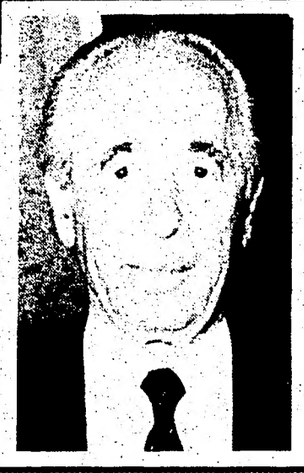

Canada

Cohen reveals secret Israel, PLO meetings

By DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL — The Israel-PLO accord may have come as a profound shock to the world and to world Jewry.

But it was no surprise to behind-the-scenes player Stephen Cohen, who has a reputation as a behind-the-scene "facilitator" and mediator between the Middle East adversaries.

At a recent lecture before an audience of 800 at the Beth Zion Synagogue, Cohen, president of the Institute for Middle East Peace, cited at least eight years of secret contacts between Israel and its former nemesis.

In an overview of the process leading up to Oslo, where Israel and the PLO ultimately struck their deal, Cohen said the accord capped a process that began in the mid-1980s.

At that time, PLO leader Yasser Arafat, seeking to assert his organization's independence following the PLO's expulsion from Lebanon, rejected Syrian overtures of support and tried to seek stronger contacts with the United States in order to nudge Israel into dealing with him.

This was a mistake, said Cohen. The overture to the United States was rebuffed and contacts remained "low," which forced the PLO to consider a deal with Israel in order "to attain credibility in the eyes of the Israelis."

Arafat, in his rejection of Syrian support, proved he was prepared to make his own decisions without the backing of other Arab parties. Arafat called this his "independence of decision" strategy and it freed the PLO to approach Israel on its own.

During this same period, said Cohen, the first secret contacts began between Israel and the PLO, even while the PLO was negotiating with Jordan over a possible confederation.

The Jordan initiative proved a non-starter. And Israel, whose government at the time was sharing power between Labor and Likud, was divided over whether to deal more directly with Arafat.

The PLO made an almost fatal mistake by supporting Iraq during the Gulf War. But when peace talks between the Israeli and Palestinian delegations began in earnest in Madrid several months later, Arafat made it clear he was running the show from Tunis. To prove it, Cohen said, Arafat deliberately sent conflicting orders to the Palestinian delegation and exploited frictions, virtually guaranteeing a permanent impasse without his involvement.

In other words, "it was clear that the PLO was in charge," Cohen said.

Not until the election of the Labor-led goverment in Israel in June 1992 did the pieces begin to fall into place, he said.

First, Israel was showing new flexibility on the peace process. Second, a PLO "non-member" of the Palestinian refugee delegation in Ottawa, Abu Allah, in meetings with an Israeli observer, sent explicit signals that the PLO was ready to make concrete concessions and was using the multilateral talks to establish its bona fides as a trustworthy negotiating partner.

In December 1992, an Israeli professor met with Abu Allah; Israeli foreign minister Shimon Peres, realizing the PLO was controlling the agenda and apparently sincere, established direct links with the PLO that led to the Oslo process.

The PLO also wanted guarantees that Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, not Peres, "authorized all decisions."

No deal, stressed Cohen, would have been possible without the PLO's determination not to let any incident in the territories, including the expulsion of Hamas to southern Lebanon, derail the process.

"This was the crucial difference," he said, drawing a comparison with the official negotiations in which "all productive discussions [were] stopped" by members of the Palestinian delegation each time a Palestinian was killed by Israelis.

By contrast, "the focus in Tunis was to get an agreement," and Arafat, whom Cohen said he has met on dozens of occasions, hailed Rabin as a "man of courage."

Cohen said he went to see Arafat in Cairo a little more than a week before Israel and the PLO struck their historic pact. He tried to convince the PLO chairman that Israelis and Jews worldwide would not accept mutual recognition until the PLO explicity rescinded its charter, using wording of Israel's choosing.

"He was silent for five minutes, and I knew that there would be no final answer that day."

But, "two days later, he accepted the Israeli wording."

Blueprint for future

In Cohen's view, the agreement is more than a "statement of principles." It is a blueprint for the future that takes into account the political realities of both sides.

On the one hand, it provides guarantees for Israel's security concerns and Palestinian acceptance of Israeli "trusteeship" over the territories during the interim period.

On the other, it recognizes Palestinian political aspirations and leaves the door open to many levels of future collaboration and "institutional links," ranging from the economy to immigration.

It also recognizes Israeli control of Jerusalem "as they [the Palestinians] were never willing to do before."

Perhaps the most remarkable aspect of the deal, says Cohen, is that it has led almost every state in the region to recognize that "it is in their interest to pursue the peace process...that peace [with Israel] is not something to be swallowed, but fundamental to the survival of their own regimes."

Liberal leader Jean Chretien with Sarkis Assadourian, the party's candidate in Don Valley North. At left is Aline Chretien, wife of the leader, and on right is Zaza Assadourian, wife of the candidate.

Chretien breaks bread in DVN as he promises to restore integrity

Election Watch '93

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —Chants of Pari Yegar (welcome) in Armenian greeted Liberal Leader Jean Chretien when he campaigned recently for Sarkis Assadourian, the party's candidate in Don Valley North who lost the last election by only 450 votes.

Chretien and his wife, Aline, were offered the traditional bread and salt as they entered the Armenian Community Centre for a breakfast attended by an enthusiastic audience of 500.

After the grades five and six choir of the Armenian Relief Society Day School sang *O Canada* in English and French, Chretien said: "I was very moved by the singing of the national anthem in French. That is what Canada is all about."

The multicultural theme, which was the main focus of Chretien's address, was further underlined before he spoke by a couple of jigs performed by young Irish dancers.

"Even in Toronto they understand me when I speak in French," the Liberal leader said when applause greeted brief remarks in his first language.

"Experience is a terrible problem for me, they say I have too much of it," Chretien declared, going on to tell a story which illustrated his problem. "When I had surgery on my lung a few years ago, I asked the doctor how many times he had done the operation. He said, 'about 500 times.' If he had said it was the first time, and he had some new ideas to try out, I would have told him to do it on Brian Mulroney because he's on his way out."

Chretien said the Liberal party would restore the hope and confidence of the Canadian people, and pledged to "restore integrity in public life.

"Sarkis [the candidate] is not here to represent Bay Street, the powerful can always represent themselves. The Liberals are the ones to represent those who need help."

The Liberal party has detailed its economic recovery plan in black and white and Chretien promised that in five years he would return to the Armenian hall with Assadourian to show how it had been implemented.

Though 47 days are not enough time for Prime Minister Kim Campbell to explain her social policy, Assadourian declared: "Forty-seven days are enough for us to push the Tories out of government."

Artist Gerard Parghunian presented Chretien with a painting he did of the Toronto skyline, and Aline Chretien was given flowers by student Alexis Apkasian. Armenian girl guides and boy scouts formed an honor guard. Sam Manougian and Mary Titizian co-chaired the breakfast.

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Arabs, Jews honor Moroccan king

MONTREAL — On the eve of mutual recognition between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization, the Moroccan Jewish community, joined by Moroccans of Arab origin, paid hommage to King Hassan II at a gala evening at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel.

The event was organized by the Rassemblement Mondial du Judaisme Marocain and the Centre Communautaire Juif (CCJ) of the YM-YWHA.

Among the dignitaries present for the evening of music and song were Moroccan ambassador to Canada Tajeddine Baddou and Multiculturalism Minister Gerry Weiner.

This summer a 70-member CCJ delegation participated in the 63rd birthday celebrations of Hassan in Casablanca in a show of loyalty to the Moroccan royal family.

The Kinor Choir and the CCJ theatre troupe were the only foreigners to take part in the party, hosted by Crown Prince Sidi Mohamed. They also performed in Morocco's Fete de la Jeunesse.

The trip was organized by the international Rassemblement and Montreal Sephardi businessman Elias Malka, who is president of the Canada-Morocco Chamber of Commerce and vice-president of the Rassemblement.

During the evening at the Queen Elizabeth, the Kinor Choir and CCJ troupe recounted the excitement they felt at having the opportunity to perform before the king and, for many, to return to the country for which they feel great affection.

They were given a tour of the Hassan II Mosque, still under construction; attended a commemoration ceremony at the mausoleum of King Mohammed V in Rabat; and visited the grave of one of Moroccan Jewry's most revered sage in Ben Ahmed.

Rassemblement spokeswoman Yolande Amzallag said the exchange, dubbed Retour aux Sources, enabled Moroccan Jews here an opportunity for "renewed expression of loyalty to the Alaouite dynasty, highly respected by Moroccan Jewish communities" and of warmth toward Hassan.

The organization wishes to foster "the rich common heritage stemming from decades of co-existence between Jews and Moslems during the Golden Age in Spain."

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Abe Posluns

'Mr. Baycrest' dies at age 84

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —A beloved man named "Mr. Baycrest" by the premier of Ontario died Sept. 25 at Mount Sinai hospital at the age of 84.

Abe Posluns, the founding president of the Baycrest Centre, was given the honorary title by former Premier William Davis, to acknowledge his key role in building a geriatric centre, hospital, and home for the aged which is renowned worldwide.

True to his own lifestyle, Posluns kept active to within a week of his death, attending meetings, and living on his own in an Avenue Road apartment.

"He was in fragile health, and just generally gave in," said Alan Posluns, his son.

Funeral services were held Sept. 27 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue with burial in Beth Tzedec Memorial Park. The eulogy was given by Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg.

Posluns' concern for others was not restricted to the Jewish community. His first charitable work was for what is now known as the United Way and he became its first Jewish president in 1962. In 1968, the Ontario government named him chairman of the Ontario Mental Health Foundation.

As it should be, the Posluns name is well honored at Baycrest Centre which houses the Abe and Elsie Posluns Home for the Aged and the Abe Posluns Auditorium.

It was back in 1940, when Posluns was an executive member of the United Jewish Welfare Fund (UJWF), that a chain of events began which culminated in Baycrest.

In 1984 he recalled how he balked at the request to the UJWF for $200,000 to renovate the Jewish Home for the Aged on Cecil Street.

"Those were old homes, badly in need of repair, in fact they were fire traps," he said. "You know what happens when you open your mouth, they appointed me to the committee to find another place."

Because the Jewish population was moving north up Bathurst Street, Posluns argued for a site where aged parents could be close to their children. "I always kept in mind what I would want for my own mother."

There were some opponents to the plan to move up north, and an "expert" was called in, who recommended that the new home be built near Bathurst Street in the Bloor-Davenport Road area.

"You know what an expert is, somebody from out of town," Posluns said.

But the community was moving north so quickly that Posluns' foresight in wanting the Bathurst Street site, south of Wilson Avenue, won the day. And it was shown to be the right choice by subsequent events. Although the committee paid only $62,500 for the whole parcel, a total of seven acres of the 25-acre site was sold to the North York School Board for $700,000.

Posluns was a person who liked to be with people, of all ages. He once took 32 children at one time to the Exhibition, gathering his own children, and nieces and nephews into a group at the Prince's Gate.

He was founder president of Baycrest 1944-1971, chairman of the board, 1971-1977, and later honorary chairman for life. He was chairman of its first building campaign.

In 1953, he was co-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal. He was a member of the board of directors of Mount Sinai Hospital and of the Jewish Community Centre.

"Baycrest mourns the passing of Abe Posluns," said Stephen. W. Herbert, President and chief executive officer. "Clearly, without Abe, there would not have been a Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. He provided vision, leadership and support over many decades of the centre's evolution. He was a very special person."

A son of Polish immigrants, whose father died in an auto accident, Posluns was chairman of the board and founder of Superior Acceptance Corporation. He retired from the business three years ago.

He was predeceased by his wife, the former Elsie Slateroff, and by a son, Richard.

Surviving are his son, Alan, a daughter Dorothy Brown, a daughter-in-law, Marjorie Posluns, a brother, Sam, and a sister, Sarah Bernstein, 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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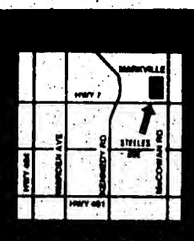

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World

Historic accord leaves Bronfman feeling optimistic

By DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL — There was no sense of elation or vindication within Charles Bronfman Sept. 13 as he sat, with his wife Andrea and 3,000 others on the lawn of the White House, watching two former foes sign a piece of paper.

Bronfman, it is no secret, has been a longtime friend and supporter of Israel's Labor Party and a friend of Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

The sense of vindication, he said in an hour-long interview with *The Canadian Jewish News* at his Claridge Ltd. offices, had come a year ago last June, when Labor supplanted Likud as the government of Israel.

On this historic day, however, there was none of that.

Like millions of Jews worldwide, Bronfman, the only Canadian Jewish leader attending the ceremony, said he was filled with an appreciation of the "sense of vision" it took for the parties to come together, along with a "feeling of real optimism and gratitude to the people who had the courage" to make the agreement.

This was tinged, however, with the sense of the "real risks" being taken by Israel, which must remain strong and secure.

The risks in not signing an accord — in achieving no "movement" towards a real peace — would however, have been even greater, Bronfman said, echoing the sentiments of Israel's leaders in defending the accord with the PLO.

It is not the Jewish Diaspora, after all, putting itself on the line, but Israel, and Bronfman supports and trusts its judgment. "Sometimes," he said, "it is tougher to make peace than to make war."

Painful as it may have been for Israel to deal with the PLO, Bronfman said, it might be more painful in the long run not to.

The real miracle, said Bronfman, is that "two sides that have denied each other's rights now acknowledge them."

Despite his friendship and contacts with Israel's leadership, Bronfman said he was as surprised as Jews everywhere when he learned Israel and the PLO had struck a deal.

In Washington, Bronfman, seated with his wife on the side of the audience closest to the table, was surprised again. He and Andrea gasped with the rest of the invited guests when PLO chairman Yasser Arafat shook hands with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Peres.

"I was betting against it," he said. "Here was a man, after all, who was a terrorist, a bandit." One could tell, he said, that Rabin took his hand reluctantly, and only out of necessity.

And although Bronfman had anticipated an eventual accord between Israel and the Palestinians following the election of a Labor government, he did not think it would include Arafat.

But for the sake of progress, "you have to presume that the PLO is acting in good faith," even though Bronfman notes that Arafat continues to speak about "flying the PLO flag in Jerusalem."

Bronfman did not speak personally with Peres or Rabin following the ceremony because he felt it would be intrusive. But he and Peres, by sheer coincidence, happened to call each other at exactly the same time after news of the accord broke.

Bronfman's call was to offer a mazel tov; Peres', to express appreciation for the Canadian Jewish leader's long-time support.

The reaction to the accord within the Canadian Jewish community has been sober and cautiously optimistic, and Bronfman thinks this is how it should be, since the accord is but a first step. It is not yet, he believes, a time for celebratory rallies.

But he does not hesitate to characterize at least some of the local reaction to the accord as "spurious," particularly one analogy comparing Shimon Peres to Neville Chamberlain.

"I have to say to these people, that they are displaying very little faith in the basic moral fibre of Israelis," Bronfman said.

There are important roles to be played, Bronfman said, both by Canada and the Canadian Jewish community as the movement towards peace progresses and the Middle East looks towards a potential future of opened markets and collaboration on a host of issues.

Canada should continue to act as a peacekeeper and advocate for human rights in the region and carry a leading role at the multilateral negotiations level.

Canada, he added, will also be at the table when U.S. Secretary of State William Christopher convenes multilateral discussions on how the world can contribute to the Palestinian effort to set up the infrastructure for autonomy in the Gaza Strip and Jericho.

The Canadian Jewish community also has responsibilities: to "shore up" Israel's ability to absorb immigrants and to invest in it — but now in the new context of the potential of the "whole area."

In actuality, Bronfman noted, efforts in this regard were underway in anticipation of peace coming to the region.

Bronfman's foundation, the CRB Foundation, has been sponsoring an Economics of Peace program at the Kennedy School at Harvard University that has brought together Palestinian, Jordanian and Israeli economic experts, and has produced a paper by the school's Leonard Housman that has become "an intregral part of the whole peace package," he said.

As well, Bronfman said, CRB has been funding "water studies" of the region at the University of Toronto and been involved in "small and medium-sized initatives" at Oxford University in anticipation of the potential development of the Middle East in the context of a peaceful and prosperous future.

There has even been an increase in business contacts between Israelis, Arabs and Diaspora Jews in which Claridge's Israeli arm, Claridge Israel, has been "playing a role," Bronfman said.

Bronfman recalled a memorable comment Peres had once made: that it is not in Israel's interest to remain "an island of wealth surrounded by a sea of poverty."

There are questions lingering in Bronfman's mind. Will Palestinians have the ability to develop their own "Diaspora" Palestinian network of supporters — "Will there be a 'UPA' (United Palestinian Appeal)? " he asked. Also, how long will it take before potential investors feel confident enough to put "risk capital" — a term that takes on considerably more meaning in the territories— into the autonomous Palestinian areas.

In Bronfman's opinion, it is up to Palestinians living abroad to show support for their brethren.

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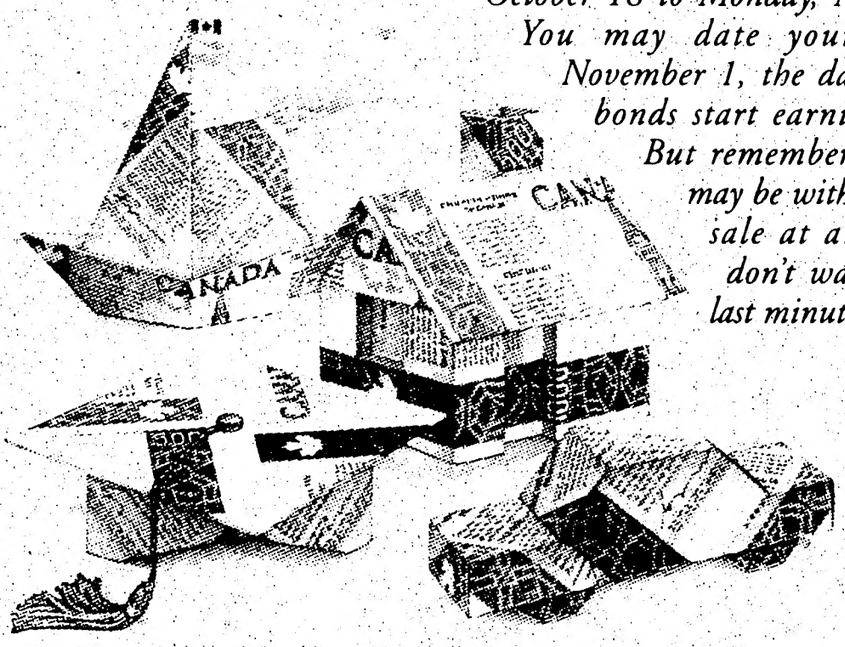

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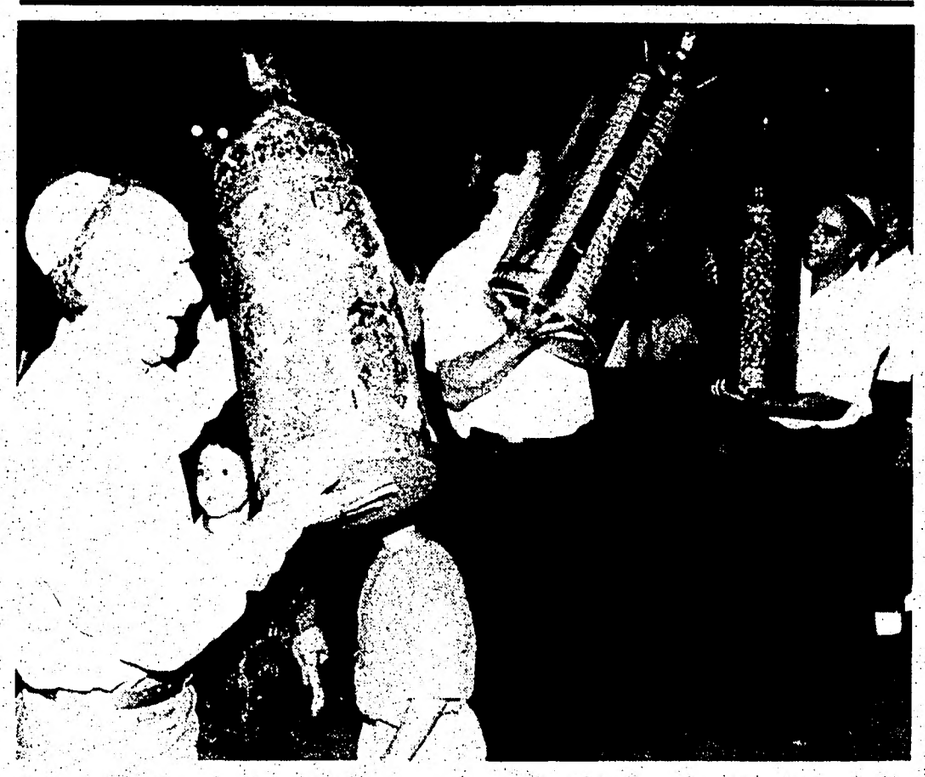

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PLO leader Arafat up in arms as Israeli troops hit Hamas

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Three weeks after the signing of their historic accord in Washington, Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization have hit a bitter snag in their fledgling relationship.

For the second time in a week, PLO leader Yasser Arafat has sent a letter of protest to Israel — this time over an Israel Defense Force operation last Saturday against members of the militant Islamic Hamas movement in the Gaza Strip.

In that action, Israeli soldiers evacuated Gazans from their homes and fired hand-held rockets at houses in an effort to find activists of Hamas, which is in bitter opposition to the peace moves by Israel and the PLO.

The operation was aimed specifically at the military wing of Hamas, which had vowed to sabotage the agreement between Israel and the PLO.

Two commanders of the militant movement were killed and 16 others were arrested in what IDF officials termed a major setback to the group.

Arafat, in turn, claimed the IDF operation violated the agreement between Israel and the PLO.

The message was conveyed to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin by Jerusalem lawyer Ziad Abu-Ziad, an adviser to the Palestinian delegation to the peace talks.

Arafat's previous protest was sent two weeks ago, when he criticized an Israeli operation against members of the Black Panther terrorist cell in the West Bank village of Kabatiya. The Black Panthers are an armed wing of Arafat's Al Fatah faction of the PLO.

As a result of that action, Israeli forces captured Black Panther Commander Ahmed Awad Ikmail, who had been on the IDF's most-wanted list for five years.

Although Arafat himself is known to be worried about the power of Hamas in the Gaza Strip, his latest protest to the Israeli government were seen here as a signal to Arafat's opponents in the territories that he considers himself leader of all Palestinians, including those who oppose him.

Following last Saturday's IDF operation against Hamas, several PLO leaders convened a news conference in Gaza.

They maintained that despite the fact that the operation was aimed at those who opposed the peace process, the actual operation was detrimental to the peace process.

Brig.-Gen. Yom-Tov Samiya, commander of IDF forces in the Gaza Strip, said in response that the IDF is determined to act against wanted terrorists until Israeli forces pull out of Gaza.

As part of the Israeli-PLO agreement, Israel is to begin withdrawing its forces from Gaza and the West Bank town of Jericho by mid-December.

Samiya told reporters that ever since the signing of the accord, armed Hamas units have continued attacks on IDF targets.

In response to Arafat's latest letter of protest, Israeli sources said the IDF actions involved no violation of the agreement with the PLO.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told reporters during a news conference last Sunday in the West Bank town of Hebron that Israeli security forces would continue to target Arab militants bent on undermining the Israeli-PLO accord.

"The order I gave to the security forces is to act against all terrorists, with priority to those who today are continuing terror," said Rabin.

Gore calls for end of Arab boycott

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Some nations, surprised by the fast pace of the Middle East peace process in recent weeks, have yet to announce their pledges.

Among the donors, the United States offered $500 million over the next five years, Japan $200 million over two years and Saudi Arabia $100 million in 1994.

Israel pledged $25 million in grants and $50 million in credits "over the coming years."

Canada will also be part of an ad-hoc liaison group that will meet every three to six months to coordinate among donors. Its members will include the United States, the European Community, Japan, Russia, Norway and Saudi Arabia.

Israel, the Palestinians, Egypt and Jordan will serve as associate members of the group.

Hastily convened, the conference still had some loose ends to tie up.

For example, it was still unclear what percentage of the donations would be in the form of loans and what percentage in the form of grants.

U.S. officials said last week that the American contribution would consist of about 75 percent grants in the first year, during which time the Palestinians would be settling such basic economic issues as paying teachers' salaries.

Then, in later years, as the Palestinians began emphasizing investment issues, the percentage of loans would increase.

The World Bank will serve as a sort of secretariat, coordinating the activities of the donors on a day-to-day basis.

The Palestinians have created an organization to serve as the recipient and organizer of the funds. Palestinian officials said that the group would include Palestinian economists, lawyers and business leaders.

One issue that arose at the conference was the continuing Arab economic boycott against Israel.

In his remarks to the conference, U.S Vice-President Al Gore said that vestiges of the past, such as the boycott, "have no place in a world seeking peace."

But at a news conference later, PLO official Yasser Abed Rabbo suggested that the Arabs might not lift the boycott until such issues as the status of Jerusalem are resolved.

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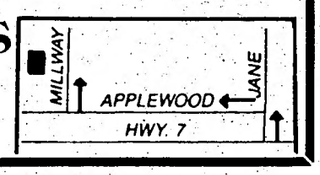

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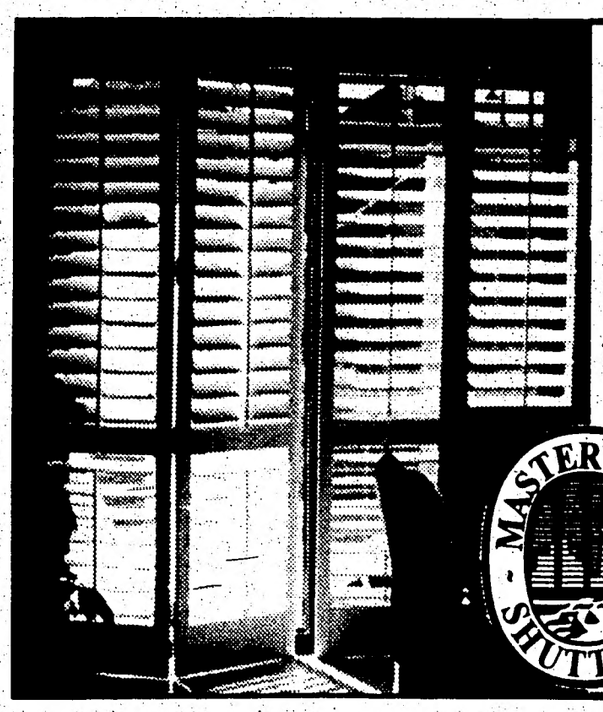

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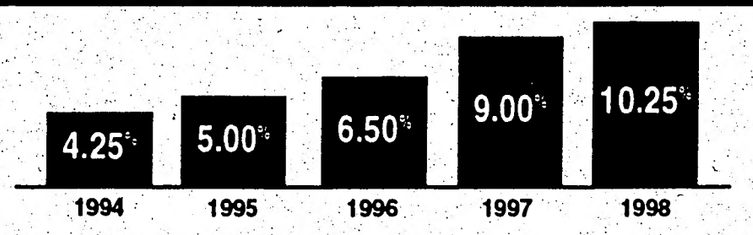

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Israel the focus of Mexican Jewish school

By DAVID LAZARUS

MEXICO CITY — It is summer 1993 at the Colegio Hebreo Sefaradi in Tecamachalco, a mainly Jewish suburb in the heart of Mexico City, but it might as well be 501 years ago.

Through the school's hallways and corridors, where children swarm and smile impishly at visitors — especially foreign visitors — Spanish arches, columns and murals curve gracefully towards the ceiling, part of an elaborate display set up last year to commemorate the Sefarad '92, the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of Spanish Jewry.

The project to turn the school into a "little Toledo," as school officials describe it, was so successful that the arches and columns will remain permanently. There is even an impressive replica of Toledo's Santa Maria de Blanca synagogue.

The 50-year-old Colegio Hebreo Sefaradi, although by no means the largest school in Mexico City, is one of the Jewish community's most venerable.

Like the city's other mainstream Jewish schools, there is a common secularity in approach. But what makes each Mexican Jewish school unique is the way it reflects the particular cultural background of the Jewish community that supports it.

If you were to compare the Mexican Jewish school system to, say, Montreal's, you would find the common commitment to provide a Jewish education to any Jewish child who wants one — although the overwhelming majority of Mexican Jewish families can easily afford the $500 a month it costs to furnish a child with a Jewish education. About 5,000 children from kindergarten through high school age — representing 75 percent of Jewish families — attend Jewish schools.

But you would also discover a day-school system in which Israel is a great focus but where religious instruction (except for the religious schools) is only taken before or after regular classes.

This is because according to Mexican law, "a secular school has to be secular," explains Esther Mondlak, one of the Sephardi school's two directors. Children learn Hebrew and about Israel and the Bible as history, but "it is up to the communities to provide religious instruction."

Rabbi Marcello Rittner of the Conservative Beth El Synagogue puts it this way: "Our schools are Jewish, but they are not Jewish schools, because they don't teach Judaism."

At the same time, Spanish-speaking children fervently study Yiddish at one of Mexico's most famous schools, the Collegio Israelita, known simply as the Yiddishe Shule.

Mexico's Jewish schools, in other words, mirror the patchwork of cultural colors that comprise the Mexican Jewish community, comprised of Sephardi, Ashkenazi, Marrano, Syrian, and Balkan Jews, each with their own, unique approach.

"Our school was founded by a mixture of Italian, Spanish, Turkish and Greek Sephardi Jews," explains Mondlak, who, with Ameli Esquenazi, runs the Colegio Hebreo Sefaradi.

That school, it was stressed, is open to any child from any community who wishes to attend. While a few non-Jews have enrolled because of the school's reputation, the vast majority of its 527 students are from Sephardi families who do not originate from Syria. It is the smallest secular Jewish school in the city.

The Syrian community schools — the 45-year-old Colegio Hebreo Monte Sinai and 13-year-old Colegio Hebreo Maguen David — respectively represent Jews originally from Damascus and Aleppo. Each has about 1,200 students. These schools, too, are Sephardi, but they have preferred to mirror their own particular cultural sensibility.

In the Cheder Sefarad at the Colegio Hebreo Sefaradi, children work on arts and crafts surrounded by archways and columns reminscent of Toledo, a cultural and religious centre of Spanish Jewry 500 years ago.

Colegio Hebreo Sefaradi directors Esther Mondlak (left) and Ameli Esquenazi stand beside model of new Sephardi community centre.

Three schools are officially affiliated with the Ashkenzi community, the most traditional being the Collegio Israelita de Mexico, or Yiddishe Shule.

Situated on the Vista Hormosa, the Collegio Israelita, founded by eastern European bundist Jews settling in Mexico during the 1920s, is Mexico's oldest Jewish school. It recently celebrated its 70th birthday and, according to a recent report in France's Jewish magazine, *l'Arche*, "is one of the last secular Jewish schools where Yiddish is still taught as a living language."

"Yiddish," says the school's longtime director Myrian Berger, "is our raison d'etre, our mission."

The Yiddishe Shule has more than 1,200 students registered, from kindergarten to pre-college age. The other schools affiliated with the Ashkenazi community are the Colegio Israelita Y.L. Peretz and the Colegio Yavneh, a small, religious school with only about 400 students.

The Colegio Hebreo Tarbut, with 1,200 students, is independent, welcoming both Sephardi and Ashkenazi children, and very Zionist-oriented, with instruction in Hebrew.

Mexican-Jewish children below kindergarten age can attend the Colegio Bet-Hayeladim, a Jewish community version of the famous Montessori school, and children of Orthodox families attend a number of yeshivas that exist in Mexico city, including an increasing number of kollelim for married and post-graduate students.

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What, however, is the state of Jewish education in Mexico today and what are the challenges facing it?

From appearances alone, the commitment to Jewish education is clear and strong, especially in terms of the focus on the Hebrew language, Israel (Mexican Jewish students visit Israel virtually as part of policy) and the thrust to have Jewish children identify with their communities.

At the Colegio Hebreo Sefaradi, for example, the school has embarked on a special shorashim project, in which children have been investigating their family trees, a kind of Mexican Jewish community "roots" project.

And upstairs, at the school's Cheder Sefarad, described as the school's "most important room" by shaliach Shaul Dan, children spend enjoyable hours preparing crafts projects and mini-dramas designed to provide them with a deeper appreciation of their Sephardi heritage.

The Mexican Jewish school system also profits from the community's great prosperity. The Colegio Hebreo Sefaradi, for example, is in the process of planning a spanking new community centre adjacent to the school. There appears to be a certain competition between the diverse Jewish communities to build, build and build some more, whether it be schools, synagogues or other institutions.

The Colegio Hebreo Sefaradi has also constructed a permanent museum within the school as a legacy to Sephardi traditions. And in Guadalajara, a city with an almost exclusively Conservative Jewish population of 150 families, plans are underway to raise $200,000 to remodel the sole school, the Colegio Israelita, said director Shmuel Netter.

Mexico City's renowned version of the Y, the Centro Deportivo Israelita, also offers some extra-curricular courses for the 25 percent of Jewish children attending non-Jewish public schools.

But despite the obvious general health of Mexico's Jewish schools, there are concerns.

One has been the need to address the issue of establishing more concrete teacher-training programs in Mexico, where teachers work mostly part-time and are paid unenviable salaries.

The prime motivators for this initiative, explains Mondlak, is the fact that Israel, a longtime supplier of Hebrew-language instructors, is beginning to cut back on the number of shlichim it sends due to financial constraints within the Jewish Agency. "The sachnut is closing operations," Mondlak says.

To combat the trend, the Universitas Hebraica, a university-level Jewish studies institution situated in the Ashkenazi community centre, launched Universitario de Estudios Hebraicos, a specialized post-graduate program which will include a four-year professional teacher-training program.

This program is being seen not only as a breakthrough for the Universidad but for the community as a whole, since the certificates the Instituto will offer are being officially recognized by the public education secretariat, Mexico's version of the education ministry.

No financing for the program, however, is coming from the Mexican government.

An increasing number of Jewish university students in Mexico, said Israel Feldman, president of the Ashkenazi Jewish community, are joining a nation-wide network of Jewish students called Ruach, which was created not only to foster Jewish identity on campuses but to address any possible anti-Israel or anti-Semitic manifestations on campus.

Ruach has proved to be something of a boon for Jewish communal unity, says Dina Siegel, director of the Mexican Jewry's community relations department, the Tribuna Israelita, since young people seem more inclined than their elders to focus on the ties that bind communities together — not the religious or cultural differences that keep them apart.

Another challenge facing the Jewish community's secular schools is how to best supply religious instruction, including bar mitzvah training.

At the Colegio Hebreo Sefaradi, children can receive general religious instruction before or after the school day at the adjoining synagogue for three hours a week, but not during school hours, as is the case in Canada.

Such instruction, therefore, is largely left up to each community's synagogues and religious institutions.

And it is a system that is not likely to change under strict rules governing the separation of church and state in Mexico.

Jewish schools, in fact, cannot provide religious instruction even though they receive not a single peso in government funding.

Chief rabbis discuss agunot

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel's two chief rabbis have held a rare meeting with a women's rights delegation pressing for solutions to the problem of agunot — women who cannot get a divorce because their husbands refuse to grant one or because the husbands cannot be located.

After talking with the two rabbis late last month, members of the women's delegation said they were heartened by the meeting but that it represented only the beginning of work it will take to solve the agunah problem.

More than 10,000 women are in legal limbo in Israel, where there are no civil divorces and where the dissolution of a marriage must adhere to strict interpretations of Jewish law.

According to these laws, a Jewish woman cannot obtain a divorce, or *get*, without the permission of her husband.

"There are greedy, vindictive men who have decided that they can withhold their consent and blackmail their wives," said Sharon Shenhav, legal adviser to Na'amat, one of the women's groups represented at the meeting with the chief rabbis.

The group is part of a recently formed International Coalition for Agunah Rights.

The coalition has declared the Jewish year 5754 (1993-94) as the International Year of the Agunah, reflecting an intensive effort to reform what are perceived as unjust and discriminatory divorce proceedings in rabbinical courts worldwide.

According to a publication by the Israel Women's Network, another coalition member, "thousands of Jewish women are suffering as a result of heartless insistence on outmoded interpretations of halacha (Jewish law), long drawn-out court deliberations, the refusal of husbands to grant the get even when the court has decreed it, and the courts' failure to utilize halachically permitted coercion on such 'recalcitrant' husbands."

The members of the Israeli coalition won an audience with the chief rabbis following a small demonstration last week in front of Hechal Shlomo, the Jerusalem headquarters of the Chief Rabbinate.

They had sought the meeting since the top rabbinic officials — Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau and Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron — were elected to 10-year terms last February.

Alice Shalvi, head of the Women's Network, was guardedly optimistic about the meeting with the rabbis.

She told Israel Television the women's delegation was "very pleased" about the "collaboration between the two sides — the victims, on the one hand, and those who can provide the solution, on the other.

"But obviously a great deal of work remains to be done and we can't just go home and sit quietly," she said.

For his part, Rabbi Lau said he was sympathetic to the plight of the agunot and hopeful that problems could be solved following the establishment of a committee to review the situation.

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Gaza residents adapting in effort to improve lives

By LEORA FRUCHT

GAZA STRIP — There's a quiet revolution taking place in Gaza.

In the last 20 years some 100,000 Palestinian refugees have moved out of squalid shacks into permanent housing — erected by Israeli authorities — outside the refugee camps.

"At first there was resistance to this by extremists, but now it is just a fact of life," says Brig.-Gen. Dov Gazit, Commander of the Civil Administration in Gaza. "It's a change," he adds, "that we haven't gone out of our way to publicize."

The move towards permanent housing reflects a growing pragmatism in the Gaza Strip. "People simply want to live better lives," says Gazit.

Until now there has been little funding to bolster that pragmatism. But the expected infusion of foreign capital that is to accompany self-rule in Gaza should change this. And one of the most densely populated corners of the earth could be transformed from a hotbed of radicalism to a fast-growing centre of economic development.

One of the most striking indications of the new pragmatism in Gaza is the appearance of high-rise apartment buildings. For years, Gazans insisted on maintaining their tradition of living in detached homes. But because of the birth rate in Gaza — one of the highest in the world — that insistence has meant extremely crowded living conditions.

It is not uncommon for several families to share a 60-square-metre home. When the Israeli government began offering refugees the chance to purchase apartments more than double that size, at extremely favorable terms, Palestinians jumped at the chance — even though it meant a move from a detached home to a high-rise apartment.

In the last two years, 400 units of five- and eight-storey apartments have gone up in the Jabalya and Shati refugee camps — both hotbeds of intifada activism.

One of the new owners is **Ziad, a** Jabalya refugee who used to live in a three-room house which he shared with his three brothers and their families. "We had about four square metres per family," he explains. Ziad says he never thought twice about what his neighbors would think of his move to a government-subsidized high-rise apartment.

"My only concern was getting enough money to finish building the apartment," he says. (The government supplies the land, infrastructure and a grant of $6,000 to $10,000 towards construction. The buyer must come up with an additional $20,000 to $25,000 to complete the apartment.)

"We have many more requests for apartments than we can possibly meet," says Gazit. "The readiness to move into high-rise is there. What's missing is the money."

Last year the Civil Administration spent 9 million shekels (just over $3 million) resettling Gaza refugees. That is a drop in the bucket by all estimates. But the Civil Administration, with its 136 million shekel development budget (provided by the Israeli government), does not have a fraction of the resources required to solve the housing problem in Gaza. The resettlement of some 230,000 to 350,000 refugees still living in eight camps in Gaza would cost about $4 billion dollars, according to Gazit's estimate.

Most explosive problem

Until now, no one was interested in making such an investment. But the self-rule plan for Gaza calls on the international community to bankroll just that kind of project.

The impact of this may be far-reaching.

"The construction of housing is more than just a socio-economic solution to the plight of Gazans. If Palestinian refugees are prepared to accept the construction of high-rise apartments, it closes the accounts of 1948," maintains Hebrew University Prof. Immanuel Sivan, an expert on Palestinians.

Gazans who move to new apartments do not lose their legal standing as refugees or their right to receive aid from the United Nations Relief and World Agency (UNRWA). But their old rundown homes are destroyed — and their new spacious living quarters take much of the sting out of being a refugee.

"Housing is the most explosive problem in Gaza," contends Sivan. "Moreover," adds the author of the recently published book, *Radical Islam*, "it's a problem for which Hamas has no answers."

In this respect, he argues, housing may be the most effective weapon against the extremist movements that feed on desperation and poverty in Gaza.

Another open sore in the Gaza Strip is unemployment. Estimates vary from the Civil Administration's 15 percent to UNRWA's 80 percent. What is certain is that only 12 percent of the Gazan work force is employed in local industry. Most work in services and agriculture, with the Civil Administration representing the largest single employer in the area.

Even after the closure of the territories, over 50 percent of Gaza's GNP comes from residents who work in Israel. Another 15 percent used to come from relatives employed in the Gulf states — until they were expelled during the Gulf War.

Three new industrial zones, established at the initiative of the Civil Administration, are to provide 1,000 new jobs in Gaza. But this too is seen as a drop in the bucket.

A population growth rate of 30,000 a year means that an additional 5,000 Gazans enter the labor force annually. "Even if we supply 1,000 new jobs this year, we'll end up with 4,000 more unemployed Gazans," notes Gazit.

Here too large scale foreign investment could have a resounding impact. Even the Civil Administration's extremely modest efforts provides a hint of what that impact could be.

At the newly-built Beit Hanun industrial zone, Palestinian engineer Nasser Kudair displays the maps of the area. He notes with obvious pride that he is the first local resident to plan such a large project in Gaza.

During a tour of the just-opened textile factory — the first in the Gaza Strip — the workers boast of the state-of-the-art equipment they have.

Rabah, a dye-maker, used to work in Israel until the closure in the territories. He says he's glad to be working again, even though his salary in Gaza is much lower than what he earned in Israel.

"I hope Rabin means it when he says that peace will bring good things for us too," says Rabah. What kind of good things? "Prosperity." Economics is more important to him than politics, he says.

Asked what he would choose if he had the option of an independent state with a low salary or autonomy with a higher salary, he laughs.

"Autonomy of course. I have 12 children to feed. That's what's important to me. Money."

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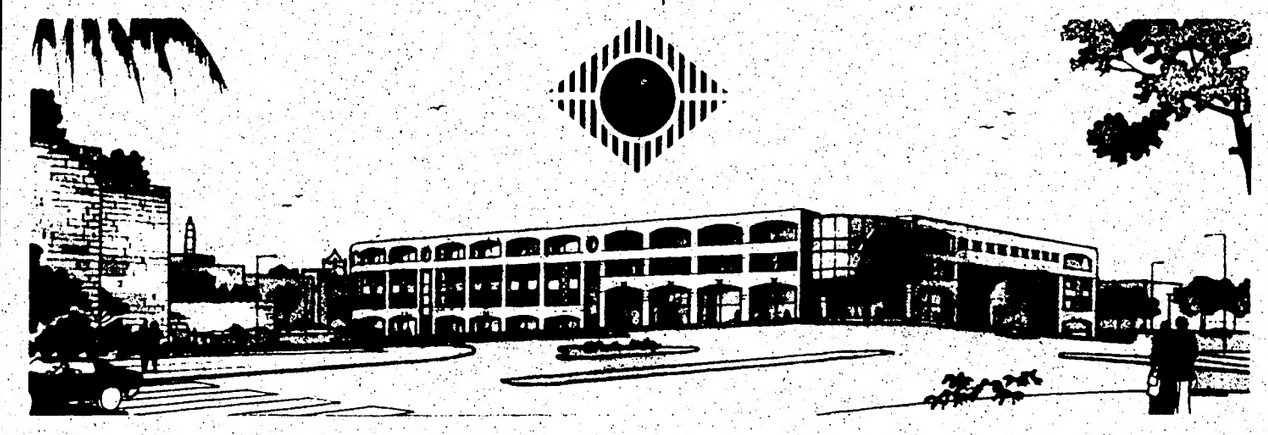

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World

Peace advances expected to aid tourism

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Advances in the peace process are having a profound effect on Israel's tourism industry.

Less than a month after the historic signing of the Israeli-Palestinian accord, local tourism officials are anticipating a flood of tourists and joint cooperation between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

While industry officials concede that regional cooperation will not be achieved overnight, some projects are in the pipeline.

Arkia Airlines, a local carrier serving routes within Israel and to Egypt, recently announced that it will begin flights to and from Amman, Jordan, as soon as political circumstances permit.

"We've already had a number of requests from American Jewish tourists who want to combine their trip to Israel with a visit to Jordan," said Mark Feldman, owner of the Ziontours travel agency in Jerusalem. "We're keeping our fingers crossed."

To encourage tourism, Tel Aviv-based Ziara Tours, owned by businessman Ya'acov Nimrodi, has begun to advertise pilgrimages to Jerusalem and Hebron in a popular Kuwaiti newspaper.

There also has been conjecture that El Al will gain permission to fly over certain Arab countries, perhaps as early as this winter, when the airline launches its new service to Bangkok, Thailand.

Many Israelis seem startled by the new developments — a month ago, visiting Jordan seemed as likely a possibility as flying to Mars. Tourism officials, however, have been planning for the benefits of peace for several years.

The government began to seriously consider the potential benefits four years ago and asked every ministry to draft a proposal for future cooperation between Israel and the Arab countries, said Mordechai Benari, director of public relations at the Ministry of Tourism.

"We imagined what would happen if peace were to come to the region, and came up with a number of suggestions," said Benari. "We realized that Israelis would want to visit neighboring Arab countries, and that Muslims and Christians living in those countries would want to visit their holy sites in Israel. We discussed tourism promotion, physical planning, and international cooperation between hoteliers, tour operators and airlines.

"At the time it was just a dream, but things are starting to move, at least in the area of international cooperation," he said.

Two examples: In November, the tourism ministers from Israel, Greece, Turkey and Egypt will meet in London to formally dedicate the Eastern Mediterranean Tourism Association. Its goal will be to promote and coordinate "package" deals that will encourage tourists to combine a visit to two or more countries in the eastern Mediterranean.

A more ambitious meeting is set for January, when representatives from Israel, Jordan, Syria and the Palestinian areas are expected to attend a tourism workshop in Cairo within the framework of the multilateral peace negotiations.

Rapid growth in region

"Given the new climate of cooperation and the potential for peace, we anticipate a rapid growth in tourism to the entire region," said Benari. "In 1992, incoming tourism reached 1.8 million, and this year's total could top the elusive 2 million mark. If the region stabilizes, the possibilities for tourism are limitless."

Brimming with optimism, the Tourism Ministry recently sponsored a symposium titled Israeli Tourism in the Era of Peace.

Dozens of industry professionals who attended the conference, from travel agents and tour guides to hotel managers and airline operators, praised the government's recent moves toward peace and underscored how instability in the region has traditionally hurt the Israeli economy as a whole, and the tourism industry in particular.

"Tourism is an important part of the country's economy, and it has been severely hampered by the image of the Middle East as an unsafe place," said a Jerusalem tour guide. "It's in our own best interest to cooperate with our Arab neighbors."

People in the industry are banking on future breakthroughs on the political front. Even if a full peace remains elusive, they say, Israel's dialogue with the PLO and the compromise on territory is sending a positive signal to the rest of the world.

"There are millions of people, especially Muslims, who have yearned to visit their holy sites here, but were unwilling to do so because of the 'Palestinian Problem,'" said Benari. "We can attract pilgrims from Morocco and Tunisia, for example, if we do our homework."

In addition to an upsurge in pilgrimages, industry insiders hope to attract business people to the country.

Toward that end, the Isrotel hotel chain is building a five-star hotel in Eilat that will feature a convention and business center, as well as leisure facilities.

"Business conferences are an underutilized market for us in Israel," said Daniel Roger, Isrotel's marketing manager. "Most hotels cater to vacationers here for a good time, not those who want to combine work with pleasure. Peace will enable us to attract international business people who want a good working environment plus leisure activities, and we planning accordingly."

While tourism professionals are obviously most concerned with the immediate impact the peace process is having on local tourism, some are looking down the road a ways.

People here fantasize about attracting 5 million tourists a year, about open borders, about arranging a tour that includes Jerusalem and Mecca, the Muslim holy city in Saudi Arabia.

"Who knows?" said a Tourism Ministry official. "Within the not-too-distant future, there could be a train with the itinerary Damascus-Tel Aviv-Cairo. Passengers would buy a Mid-pass, a Middle Eastern version of the Eurail Pass, and travel freely through the region.

"Peace," he said, "is full of possibilities."

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World

Peres calls on Syria to make peace

NEW YORK (JPFS) — Foreign Minister Shimon Peres used the opportunity provided by his address to the United Nations General Assembly last week to speak directly to the Syrians.

"We ask the Syrian leadership," he said, "if it has chosen peace, why does it refuse to meet [with us] openly?"

He added that Syrian President Hafez Assad "should understand that in Israel, we are praying for him to start working with us."

Peres's address was interrupted by Jewish opponents of the peace accord with the PLO, who noisily dogged his steps in New York. A woman and two young men wearing kippot shouted "Peres is a traitor!" from their seats in the visitors' gallery as he began his speech to the assembly.

As Peres began to speak, the representatives of Iran and Iraq walked out. Libya and the Sudan were not present. The other Arab delegations, including Syria's, remained to hear his address.

Peres spoke of the need for economic, technological and educational cooperation between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

After his address, Peres said he had a message for Yasser Arafat and the entire Palestinian leadership: "It's time to get to work."

The Declaration of Principles signed in Washington on September 13 imposed a one-month deadline for the convening of several Israel-PLO working committees. But the work isn't getting done, Peres said, and Arafat went off to China instead.

"There are fine Chinese restaurants in New York," he said.

At the beginning of the negotiating process, the Arab world expected Israel to give, Peres said. Now it's time for the Arabs to give, "but there's no response."

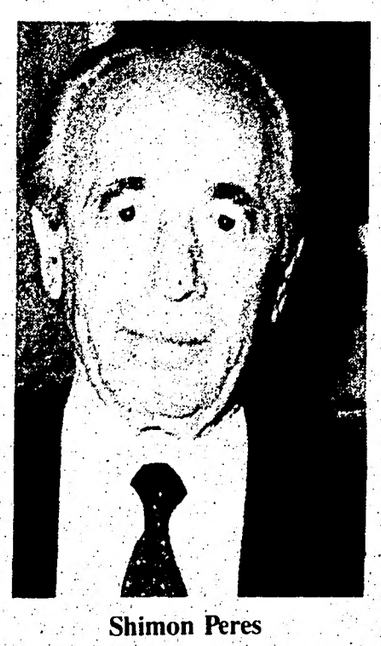
Angered by comments

Peres also replied to reports that New York's Orthodox leaders were angered by comments he made last Monday during an address to the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. He had said, among other things, that "rabbis ... do not have permission from the Lord" regarding the need to hold on to specific territories within the historic Land of Israel.

"I did not mean to insult anyone," he said, adding that he had wanted to convey the government's "moral commitment" to the U.S. Jewish leaders. "I simply wanted to say that secular Jews also have faith. I'm sorry if my words were misunderstood."

That evening, Peres met with UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali to discuss the implications of the peace accord with the PLO. Last Monday, he met with the Belgian, Greek and Danish foreign ministers, representing the European Community. Belgian Foreign Minister Willy Claes said his country hopes to see a new agreement between Israel and the EC signed by the end of the year.

All three assured Peres that the EC will increase its financial support to to the territories and will provide technical assistance to the Palestinians.



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NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

LEITER — LEITNER

Leite is the German word for slope of a hill. Leiter and Leitner describe a person who lived on the slope of a hill. It is comparable to the English surname Underhill which refers to a person who dwelt at the foot of a hill.

Leiter also means ladder in German.

The name has acquired lustre by the contribution of the distinguished endocronologist Dr. Lawrence, whom I visit regularly (courtesy of OHIP).

NISHMAS

Esther Nishmas, of St. Laurent, Quebec, intrigued me with a request to research her surname. It is unique and fascinating. It is a precise transliteration of the Hebrew word nishmath, which means "the soul of." It is the familiar Jewish word "neshamah" with the appendage of a suffix. It is the first word in a prayer in the morning service for Sabbath and Festivals. It may have been borrowed from the ritual, although I can recall no other Jewish surname which is a liturgical derivative.

I speculated that it might be a fractured adaptation of a place name, but finding none, I am left with my sole solution.

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The News in Brief

1994 March of Living Applications

TORONTO — The March of the Living, an international educational program for Jewish youth, is now accepting applications from Canadian high school students. The 1994 March is scheduled for April 4-17 at which time thousands of young Jews from around the world will gather in Poland and Israel to mark two significant dates on the Jewish calendar. Yom Ha'Shoah will be commemorated at the site of Auschwitz, where participants will take part in a symbolic march of the living — in contrast to the death marches during the Holocaust — while Yom Ha'Atzmaut will be celebrated during the trip's second leg in Israel. Some 350 Canadian students and 50 chaperones are expected to participate in next's year's march. The deadline for applications in Montreal is Oct. 29. For information in Montreal, call Barbara Sutnick at (514) 345-2610. In Toronto, the deadline is Dec. 3. For details in that city, call Chaia Berkowitz at (416) 631-5660. For elsewhere in Canada, contact your local Jewish federation.

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Attempted Firebombing Probed

CALGARY — The House of Jacob-Mikveh Israel synagogue here was the target of an attempted firebombing late last month. Congregants arriving for morning services noticed a strange odor in the building and upon investigation, discovered a broken window, a charred window frame and the remnants of a Molotov cocktail. Police are investigating.

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Mandela, Peres Meet

NEW YORK — Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres met African National Congress President Nelson Mandela last week here, marking Mandela's first meeting with an Israeli leader. Peres praised Mandela, saying that after years of imprisonment, the ANC leader has emerged "a leader and still an optimist." The foreign minister acknowledged the connection between Israel's accord with the PLO and Mandela's readiness to meet an Israeli leader, saying, "We are happy you [South Africa's blacks] have gained your equality at the same time the Palestinians gained their identity, and we have returned to our moral position, our [determination] not to occupy and not to discriminate." Peres invited Mandela to visit Israel. Mandela accepted, but did not set a date.

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Milan Archbishop to Jerusalem

ROME — The archbishop of Milan, Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini, intends to travel to Jerusalem in February as a step toward deepening dialogue between Catholics and Jews. Martini, considered by some to be a potential successor to Pope John Paul II, made his intention known late last month at the end of a four-day international interfaith conference in Milan. Jewish participants included Israel's Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi, Yisrael Meir Lau, who met with the Pope at the papal summer residence near Rome on Sept. 21. While the subject of the Vatican's ties with Israel were not broached in Lau's meeting with the Pope, the encounter is being viewed as a step toward the eventual establishment of full diplomatic relations.

According to Italian sources, the church has stepped backed from its position on one of the thorniest issues: the status of Jerusalem. The church is no longer demanding that Jerusalem be placed under international jurisdiction, according to the sources. Instead it simply wants "international guarantees" of unhindered access to Christian, Muslim and Jewish holy places.

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Babi Yar Massacre Marked

KIEV — Several hundred Jews gathered here late last month to commemorate the 52nd anniversary of the mass execution of the Jews of Kiev at Babi Yar by the Nazis during World War II. Speaking to the audience, Rabbi Yaakov Dov Bleich, chief rabbi of Ukraine, said, "The scene at Babi Yar showed the barbarity of the fascist regime, which had intentions to kill every Jew that they found. Though they shot tens of thousands of Jews in Kiev, the Jewish community in Kiev still lives and has survived and stands as a living confirmation of the words 'Am Yisrael Chai.' "

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Boycott to Continue: Arabs

CAIRO — The Arab League, meeting here late last month, concluded in one of its decisions to continue the Arab-led economic boycott of Israel "until the end of the Israeli occupation." And Syria last week called for a tightening of the economic boycott, accusing Israel of asking for everything in the Middle East peace process "in return for nothing." Syrian government media said the boycott could not be abolished before restoration of Arab rights and the "recovery of occupied Arab lands." Both developments come on the heels of statements made by U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, who called the boycott "illogical" in the wake of the Israel-PLO peace accord. Christopher said the boycott punishes both Israelis and Palestinians and that it should be "relegated to history right now."

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End Israel Resolutions: Clinton

UNITED NATIONS — U.S. President Bill Clinton has called on the United Nations General Assembly to repeal its past resolutions condemning Israel. Speaking before the world body last week, Clinton said that "the repeal of outdated UN resolutions" would buttress peace in the Middle East. The United States, Russia and Egypt have all said they would work with Israel to ensure that dozens of resolutions critical of the Jewish state are not automatically renewed this year.

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Palestinians Sign Up

JERUSALEM — Hundreds of Palestinians have applied to join the new Palestinian police force to be established in the Gaza Strip and Jericho. Registration took place last month at 11 recruitment offices set up by the PLO throughout the territories, with most of the applicants reportedly members of Al Fatah, the PLO faction led by Yasser Arafat. Under the terms of the Israeli-PLO agreement, the Palestinians were authorized to begin building a police force immediately after the signing. The core of the force was to come from PLO fighters from outside Gaza and Jericho. According to Palestinian sources, most of the volunteers will be turned down, as the intention is to make the core of the force from the Palestine Liberation Army, whose men have trained for years in various Arab countries.

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More Falash Mura Expected

JERUSALEM — Between 400 and 500 members of the Falash Mura community are expected to have permission to be reunited with their families in Israel by the end of this year, the Absorption Ministry has announced. A fourth group of Falash Mura — Ethiopian Jews converted to Christianity — landed at Ben-Gurion Airport late last month, bringing to 117 the number who have arrived since the family reunifications began in the summer. Meanwhile, an Interior Ministry team is due to leave for Ethiopia this month with a list of 50 requests for permits to make aliya. Word has already gone out to members of the community in remote villages to prepare to be interviewed, after several persons on previous lists could not be traced due to communications problems.

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Files Reveal Gas Chamber Data

PARIS — The French weekly magazine *L'Express* has published documents described as secret Nazi files about the building of the gas chambers and crematoria at Auschwitz. According to the magazine, the files were kept in Moscow at the Central Archive, where some 80,000 Nazi documents taken from Auschwitz in 1945 were stored, apparently untouched until now. A French chemist, Jean-Claude Pressac, gained access to the papers, which included blueprints and letters exchanged between the SS and the builders of the gas chambers. Pressac disclosed in detail how the Zyklon B gas was introduced into the gas chamber, how it worked and how the poisonous gas was removed from the chamber. Pressac, a non-Jew, formerly was a follower of the French Holocaust denier Robert Faurisson. Pressac found flawed the documents brought forward by Holocaust deniers, however, and conducted research of his own that changed his views about the Holocaust. He is now a consultant at the Auschwitz Museum and at the recently opened U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington.

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Voice of Peace Off the Air

TEL AVIV — Longtime Israeli peace activist Abie Nathan, citing mounting debts as well as the fulfillment of his dream of peace between Israel and the PLO, announced that his Voice of Peace radio station will fall silent effective Oct. 1. Since 1973, Nathan has broadcast a mixture of pro-peace news and popular music in English, Hebrew and Arabic from a World War II-era ship anchored just outside Israel's territorial waters. Israel made no efforts to silence Nathan's technically illegal station, which at times was rated the most popular in the country.

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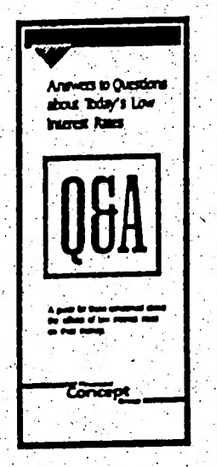

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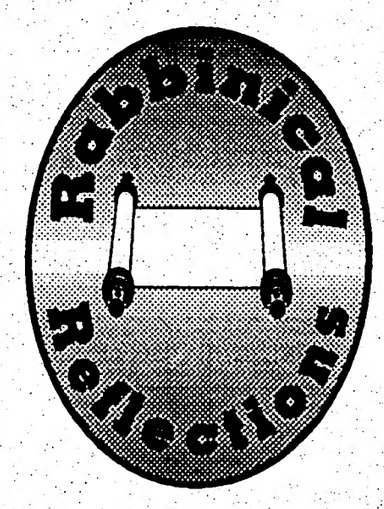

By RABBI LEIGH LERNER

Shemini Atzeret brings with it another Yizkor service. Having spent time in the sukkah among friends, this Yizkor makes me especially conscious of those with whom I can no longer share the festival.

When I was a youth, I had a friend who was quite the character. A fierce competitor, he worked tirelessly at his tennis game, at three-cushion billiards and at his studies, too. He went to the University of Arizona because it was always tennis season there. There he fell ill. The last time I saw him, he was receiving a second kidney transplant at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond. Those were the early days of transplants, and he didn't make it. I miss him.

His death was the first that touched my peer group, though it has not been the last. Still, I'm in my prime, and those of us in our 40s don't expect to find the names of our cohorts amongst the death notices.

There comes a time in life when news of a friend's death comes more often, and we feel more strongly the reality of our own mortality. But the fact is, whenever it comes, the death of a good friend comes too soon.

Yizkor prayers are for relatives, but I would like to open Yizkor a little wider for those of us who have lost a dear friend. That loss may affect us as profoundly as the loss of a brother or a sister. Or we may have lost relatives whose significance to us was precisely the friendship they provided. It seems fitting for me to remember our dear relatives, as well as our closest friends.

What does it mean to lose a friend? It's like losing your place in time. The great ancient mystical figure, Choni HaMeagel, was the Rip Van Winkle of the Talmud. He fell asleep and did not awake until a generation had passed. When he went to the house of study, no one recognized him. All his friends were gone since his generation had died. He was out of synch, out of the natural order of thing, and he complained that life without friends was not worth living.

Friends are our bookmarks

Our friends are our bookmarks. They hold our place on the pages of the Book of Life. They are the relationships out of which much of our story is told — the joys, the pains, the sins, the deeds of love and kindness. As they pass on, it is as if the bookmarks are pulled out. We cannot find our place. The pages seem to go blank. The story is not remembered or shared, and it seems to lose its power. We miss our friends. We mourn them. For without them, our place in the world is less secure.

When we lose a friend, it is as if life's recipe has lost a key ingredient. Life's tam (flavor) is not the same. My friend the tennis player had a stinging sense of humor. I've met few others whose bite can compare. When I meet similar people, I think of him and realize that death stole a lot of enjoyment from those of us who were his friends. If I can sense some of life's tart humor, it's because I knew him.

But the difference between living life with a friend, and living life after the passing of a friend, is the difference between natural and artificial flavor. Sometimes it's subtle, but there is a difference. We remember the original recipe, when they were present, and we say Yizkor Elohim, may God remember them too.

Friends are like warm clothes in winter. They feel good, they feel safe, they don't always fit neatly, they sometimes wear thin, but you'd never do without them. When we lose a friend, we often feel as though we must somehow begin again by finding someone to patch the warm garment of friendship. That's not easy to do. As our friends pass on, one by one, the cold winds of life chill a little deeper, and we realize whom we miss most of all.

The famous line, "'Tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all," was spoken by Alfred Lord Tennyson about the death of a friend. We know that the love of friends is vital to us. Thank God we have known such love, and we too, have provided it.

This Yizkor we dedicate to friends and relatives in the hope that we may befriend others so well and so warm that when we are gone, they will be moved to say Yizkor for us.

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Torah is the medicine of life

By RABBI AARON LEVINE

The Talmud (Nedarim, 81a) quotes the verse in Jeremiah (9:11): "Who is the wise man that understands this, who was spoken to by Hashem and can therefore tell why was the land destroyed?" It then states: "This question was put to the sages, prophets and ministering angels, but no one could answer it until the Almighty Himself did so as it is written: 'And Hashem said because they have forsaken my Torah which I set before them.' (Ibid. 10). Rav Judah explained in the name of Rav: this means that they did not first recite a blessing over the Torah [before they studied it]."

As the commentaries explain, the sin couldn't have been the fact that the people of Israel didn't study Torah altogether. If that would have been the case then surely the sages, prophets and angels would not have been hard pressed to offer a reason why the land was destroyed. For the verse says (Jeremiah, 33:25): "Thus says Hashem, were it not for my covenant [the Torah] to be studied day and night, I would never have established the Heavens and the Earth."

Rabbi Chaim of Volozhin explains that if for one moment in time Torah would not be studied anywhere in the world, the world would revert to its original state of nothingness.

Therefore, it is clear that Torah was being studied. But the blessings over the Torah were not being recited.

Asks the famous commentator on the Shulchan Aruch, Rabbi Joel Sirkes, in his commentary Bayis Chadash (Orach Chayim, 47): "One may wonder: Why did the Jews deserve such a great punishment for the seemingly minor infraction of not reciting a blessing before they studied the Torah?

"It appears to me that the intention of the Creator in giving us the Torah was always for the purpose that by studying Torah our souls would be suffused with the essence, the spirit, and the holiness of the One Who gave us that Torah. Therefore the Almighty gave the Torah of truth to Israel as a gift that should never be neglected by us; to which our bodies and souls would cleave; our 248 limbs and 365 sinews corresponding to the 248 positive mitvot of the Torah and the 365 negative commands of the Torah.

"But now that they studied Torah for their own benefit, not for the purpose of drawing the Shechinah (Divine presence) to earth and suffusing the land with holiness, the land remained in its materialistic state without holiness. This caused the land's destruction."

Free thinkers

Each day we recite towards the end of the Shacharit (morning service): "Blessed is He, our God, Who created us for His glory; separated us from those who err; gave us the Torah of truth and implanted eternal life within us. May He open our heart through His Torah and imbue our heart with love and awe of Him that we may do His will and serve Him wholeheartedly, so that we do not exert ourselves in vain nor produce [or have been born] for futility."

Stories have been told how the meskilim (free thinkers) could be found on Shabbat with uncovered heads, smoking a cigarette and poring over a blatt Gemmorah (a page of the Talmud). If Torah and Talmud study is merely an intellectual pursuit, an enjoyable activity of mental gymnastics or a document of literature — devoid of sanctity, detached from commitment, not seen as the word of God as to how the Jew should conduct his life both between man and God, and between man and his fellow man — then that Torah can hardly suffuse us with the intent of its Creator, as explained above.

If one approaches Torah study with the rules of logic applied in the secular world of knowledge, then one can't begin to find the keys to unlock the vast treasures of knowledge of what the world, mankind, and above all, what God is all about.

For decades the word kollel connoted the serious study of the Torah and the Talmud by married talmudic scholars. These scholars had already spent an average of 10 years of serious study in a yeshivah, spending 10 hours a day studying with a great talmidei chachomim (Torah scholars and observants). They began their married lives with a commitment to continue their studies for yet another few years, forging, together with their wives, a path of Torah life committed to understanding and observing the word of God.

Study of Torah is like playing with fire. If it is learned with sanctity, with the intent of nurturing commitment, it is a medicine of life. If not, the consequences for falsifying God's Torah are fraught with danger (Talmud, Shabbos 88b).

When we spend the day of Simchat Torah rejoicing with the Torah, we have to hope that simultaneously the Torah and Hashem Who gave us the Torah are rejoicing with us, too. God wants all Jews to study the Torah — halevi (would that it be so). But as with all bodies of knowledge, there are rules and regulations, axioms and truths that are the very prerequisites for entering into that study. How much more the case with one who sincerely wants to master the study of Torah. Only in that way and as described above will one be able to truthfully rejoice with the Torah. Chag sameach!

Front Line

U.S. Jewish leaders slow to jump on peace bandwagon

By LARRY YUDELSOW

When Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres secretly briefed Secretary of State Warren Christopher in August about the proposed accord with the Palestinians, Christopher wanted to know: Are the American Jews on board?

It is a question with profound implications for the peace process. American Jews have long provided a key channel for promoting Israeli policy in this country and tempering U.S. policy in the Middle East. They are now faced with a sea-change in that policy. Whether and how they choose to support it will not only affect the outcome of the negotiations, but could dramatically change the nature of the organized community itself and its relationship with Israel.

At their meeting, Peres assured Christopher that he had already briefed the leadership of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. It has been no secret that Christopher and other American policy makers have been mindful of the American Jewish reaction to architects of every Middle East peace accord until now: From Henry Kissinger to Jimmy Carter to George Bush, the American Jewish response has been to "throw the bums out." This, despite the gratitude in Israel for the American role in bringing about the 1991 Madrid peace conference, the 1978 Camp David accord and earlier disengagement agreements.

The current American administration was so concerned over domestic fallout, in fact, that it refused a request from Israel and the Palestinians to play the part of heavy in the ongoing peace negotiations. Had the Americans been willing to appear as if they were imposing an accord on them, both sides would have found it easier to sell the pact to their constituents.

This reluctance on Christopher's part is a reflection of the fact that in many instances, the organized American Jewish community seems more deeply conditioned against peace with the Arabs than does the leadership of Israel. Decades of being briefed on Israeli policy and then working tirelessly on its behalf have drilled into American Jewish leaders a deep-seated antipathy toward Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat and anyone who shakes his hand.

And organizing support for peace defies the long-accepted wisdom that the only way to rally the troops and raise funds from a constituency with disparate views is through fear. "For us, the Israelis, the state is an existential matter," wrote columnist Nahum Barnea in *Yediot Achronot*. "For them, (American Jews), it's an emotional matter. For existence, we will go to war and make peace. For emotions, they have developed over the years a hatred for the PLO and its head," Barnea wrote. "It's easy to hate, purely to hate, when your children aren't paying the price."

For all these reasons, even though American Jews by and large have always supported the Labor party's policy of territorial compromise, American Jewish organizational support for the Israeli-PLO breakthrough has been tempered by serious concern. The Israeli-Palestinian agreement calls for Palestinian self-rule in Gaza and Jericho as a first step toward extending Palestinian authority to the territories. The suddenness of the secret accord, and its apparent fragility has encouraged caution and hesitation from Jewish groups.

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee, the influential pro-Israel lobby, is gearing up to educate members of Congress and the Jewish community about the recent developments. It may be put in the rather unique position of lobbying on behalf of the Palestinians.

The statements put out by the Conference of Presidents and other organizations, which had not previously endorsed a policy of land for peace, were supportive, but cautiously so. A central factor in the lukewarm reaction is that the emerging Israeli-PLO entente flies in the face of what American Jews have been told for decades by Israeli governments, and have passed on in turn to the American public.

They were told that the PLO could not be a partner for peace, that the territories are vital for Israel's security and that a Palestinian state is a grave threat to Israel's security. This view was so ingrained that when seven months ago the Conference of Presidents was asked to accept as a member Americans for Peace Now, by only a narrow vote of 21-17 did it avoid deferring the membership of the only Jewish organization whose policies are those underlying the Oslo accord.

So rather than fully endorse an accord that might have been denounced as anti-Israel two years ago, it was much easier for the Jewish organizations not previously on board the Labor party's bandwagon to release a motherhood-and-apple-pie statement applauding Israel's willingness to take bold steps for peace, warning of the risks involved, and urging the Palestinians to fully change their ways.

Officially, the Jewish organizations are nonetheless supportive. "If Israeli leaders and society are convinced that the risks of peace should be taken now, we shouldn't be second-guessing them," said Steven Bayme, director of American Jewish-Israeli Relations at the American Jewish Committee. "We may have our doubts, but to say it's not worth taking is not appropriate."

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Peace could boost tourism, economy in Mideast

By DAVID LANDAU

Twenty million tourists from America, Japan and Europe visit Greece each year. Israel, barely 90 minutes away by plane, gets less than 2 million. Its Arab neighbors — Jordan, Egypt and Syria — get even less.

But all that may well change as a result of the recent breakthroughs in the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

Along with the military and political implications of a proposed agreement for Palestinian self-rule, observers here are beginning to focus on the economic repercussions of the historic pact.

Some are even going so far as to predict that Israel, perhaps along with its Palestinian neighbors, may soon become the Hong Kong or Singapore of the Middle East.

The Israeli-Palestinian agreement, which has been approved by the Knesset, calls for Palestinian self-rule in Gaza and Jericho as a first step toward extending Palestinian authority to the territories.

The Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank are about to become — if the peace agreement keeps on course in the months ahead — the darlings of aid donors worldwide.

The countries of Scandinavia have already pledged $160 million in aid to the Palestinians, and the European Community, the United States and, of course, the wealthy countries of the Arab and Muslim world are expected to provide their own aid packages.

Indeed, Israeli officials are already reported to be eyeing anxiously Israel's own annual aid package from Washington. Many are grimly predicting that it will eventually be pared down to make dollars available for the Palestinians.

From a movement on the verge of bankruptcy, Yasser Arafat's PLO is preparing to take on a new and attractive role as the dispenser of the world's largesse.

Prosperity, of course, grows not out of handouts, but from solid economic interests and market forces. Yet even if one discounts the aid packages that will be directed to the region, there are hopeful signs that the peace process will have long-term positive effects on economic growth.

Peace, according to Israeli officials and economists, could quickly turn the region into an attractive market for European manufacturers, given the size of the region's population and its relative proximity to the main European manufacturing centers.

At the same time, the combination of Israel's hi-tech abilities, a relatively cheap labor market — particularly in Gaza — and the entrepreneurial skills and initiative of both Israelis and Palestinians could make the Israel-Palestine unit into an attractive investment opportunity.

The Israeli media have carried excited accounts about the interest being shown by the international business community in the economic potential about to be unleashed by the proposed Israeli-PLO agreement.

A business conference set for Jerusalem later this month is vastly overbooked, as overseas executives think of availing themselves of the opportunity to check out local possibilities.

And the Tel Aviv stock market — always a sensitive barometer of how the region's politics will impact on its economics — soared by more than 10 percent since the first reports of the breakthrough were published.

Israeli officials say that with peace, European-based multinationals may consider Israel as the logical and convenient base for their expansion programs throughout the region.

No longer inhibited by the political and psychological problems of being stationed in Israel, European businessman ought to conclude — at least according to these Israeli officials — that geography and logistics, and Israel's advanced infrastructure, make Tel Aviv the strategically correct place from which to conduct their Mideast operations.

The European Community already has a "Mediterranean policy," which envisages much closer ties between many of the Middle Eastern countries and the Community.

But, largely because of the ongoing Israel-Arab conflict, that policy has remained until now a dead issue.

With a peace process which is at last proceeding in a positive direction, the policy may quickly come to life.

But if a large dose of caution is in order when contemplating all of these sanguine forecasts, it is especially appropriate in the matter of Islamic fundamentalism.

The most immediate danger, according to experts, is to the regime of President Hosni Mubarak in Egypt.

Arguably, Mubarak's active involvement in and support for the Israeli-Palestinian agreement will provoke still more desperate acts of terror on the part of the Muslim radicals — requiring in turn still tougher measures of repression on the part of the Cairo government.

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Ask Ami reveals all you need to know about Jews

By ALLAN GOULD

Do you have teenagers? You have my sympathies. Well, if there is one thing about teens — Jewish or otherwise — it's that they seem to know everything.

Or at least think they do. I certainly recall feeling, as I graduated Hebrew School at the ancient age of 14, that I pretty well knew it all, when it came to Judaism. And I sense that many youngsters feel the same way, when they hit those impressive, thoughtful years.

Which is why I invited a bright, alert 15-year-old, Ami Haretz, to answer your questions about Jews and Judaism. After all, if you can't ask a Know-It-All, then who can you ask?

ASK AMI!
starring guest columnist, Ami Haretz

Dear Ami: Why is a Jewish wedding ceremony held under a **chupah?**

S.N., Thornhill

Dear S.N.: I'm not sure. Maybe they couldn't afford a hall. Then again, if they held it "under duress," there could be problems. Come to think of it, what's a **chupah?**

Dear Ami: Why is a **sandek** present at a circumcision? I've always wondered about this.

T.C., Toronto

Dear T.C.: I guess if they want to hold a circumcision outside, and the weather was nice, a sun deck *is* helpful. Still, you must give my mazel tov to the lucky family! Tell me, was it a girl or a boy?

Dear Ami: I was just at a house of **shiva**, and the mirrors were all covered. Why's that?

J.L., Markham

Dear J.L.: Maybe the cleaning lady was sick. You shouldn't be so picky, anyway; you can always check your hair at home, before you go. Anyway, what good Jews are doing, worshipping the Indian god Shiva, I have no idea. Shame on you, and shame on that family you visited.

Dear Ami: Why are animals that have split hooves and chew their cud **kosher,** and others are not? I just don't get it!

R.S., Thorncliffe

Dear R.S.: I really have no idea. I was sick that afternoon at **cheder.**

Dear Ami: Why do most Jews fast on **Yom Kippur?**

E.G., Forest Hill

Dear E.G.: They do?? Gee, you learn new things every day. Now I'm **really** embarrassed.

Dear Ami: Why do some foods have a U with a circle around it, or a "K"?

T.C., Montreal

Dear T.C.: That's like asking why some foods are high in fat and low in cholesterol. My dad always tells me if something is high in fat, it's probably Jewish food, and that's good enough for him.

Dear Ami: Why do some worshippers in synagogue cover their eyes when they recite the **Sh'ma?**

L.S., Hamilton

Dear L.S.: Maybe he dropped his contact lens. Or she can't bear to look at her kids running up and down the aisles. I really don't know why you're watching all these people when you should be praying. As Ann Landers says, Mind Your Own Business.

Allan Gould

Dear Ami: Why do so many Jewish men wear **yarmulkahs?**

V.A., Winnipeg

Dear V.A.: I think that's Yiddish, and I never learned that. If you'd asked me about **kipot**, or skullcaps, I could have answered you. Something about covering one's bald spot, or protecting yourself against the ozone layer, I'm pretty sure.

Dear Ami: Why on earth are **sukkot** so flimsily constructed?

P.H., Toronto

Dear F.H.: That's an easy one! Most Jews use lousy builders. If you saw what the renovators did to our bathroom, you'd understand why most **sukkot** barely make it through that five day holiday.

Dear Ami: Why do many Jews put Bet Hay and Bet Ayin on their letters?

T.S., Thornhill

Dear T.S.: I guess they're proud that they know a little Hebrew, but don't know enough to write entire Hebrew words. I've got the same problem, to be frank. And my name isn't even Frank now that I think of it. I'll have to ask mom what my Hebrew name is.

Dear Ami: Why on earth does England have a chief rabbi, but not the United States?

R.S., Aurora

Dear R.S.: You might just as well ask why England has a queen and the United States only has Hilary Rodham Clinton. Of course, the United States has more Indian chiefs than England, so maybe it's only fair.

Dear Ami: Why don't Jews see sexual activity as sinful, like many other religions do?

P.A., Toronto

Dear P.A.: Boy I'm glad to hear that. Wait'll I tell the other guys at school.

Dear Ami: Why was Spinoza excommunicated? It doesn't seem fair?

A.T., Markham

Dear A.T.: I didn't even know he was sick.

Dear Ami: Why don't Jews applaud speeches and sermons on the Sabbath?

M.G., Toronto

Dear M.G.: I guess they probably have the same rabbi, or the same kind of rabbi, that we have at **our** synagogue. Fooey.

Dear Ami: Is it really true that Jews are not permitted to carry money on the Sabbath?

L.Y., Thornhill

Dear L.Y.: Not that I know of. I mean, the mall sure won't let you buy anything unless you do. I'd better ask my own mom and dad about this. You learn new things every day!

I'd like to thank Ami Haretz for his assistance in this week's column. If you've all learned a lot — and how could you **not,** from someone who knows everything? — we'll bring him back in the future, when he'll know even more. Keep up the good work, Ami.

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Welcoming rapprochement

In the last three years more than 40 countries previously hostile to the idea of diplomatic relation with the State of Israel have opened consulates, legations and embassies in the Jewish state.

Most of those countries were within the communist orbit and took their orders from Moscow in disdaining diplomatic ties with Jerusalem. (One exception was Romania). With the collapse of communism, the newly independent governments within the former communist empire have rushed to cement diplomatic ties with Israel.

Given this new state of affairs, it appeared all the more incongruous that one government, that of the Roman Catholic Church in the Vatican, would continue in its refusal to accord diplomatic relations to Israel. The Church has been consistent in this regard: since 1948 the Holy See has made recognition of Israel contingent on conditions regarding borders, refugees and peace accords which it has not invoked in other jurisdictions.

But things appear to be changing now. A recent meeting between Pope John Paul and Israel's Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau suggests that the logjam preventing the opening of diplomatic relations may be dissipating. Statements from official Vatican sources point to rapid progress being made on the recognition issue. Recently, the archbishop of Milan, considered a possible successor to the Pope, announced he intends to visit Israel in February.

Predictably, there have been strident voices, this time from the Jewish side, against Vatican recognition. Michael Wyshograd, writing in *Moment* magazine recently, argued that Israel has waited too long for a Vatican move and that the Jewish state should not pursue the matter. The former Chief Rabbi of Israel, Shlomo Goren, has weighed into the debate by describing Rabbi Lau's visit to meet with the Pope as "blasphemy beyond expression."

One can understand the depth of feeling behind such statements, given Jewish sensitivities on this issue. However, reason dictates that justifiable anger and resentment over the Holy See's past intransigence be shunted off to the side in the interests of the larger good. Israel is correct in pursuing the opening of diplomatic relations with the Vatican.

The Roman Catholic Church has almost a billion faithful adherents and represents an international political as well as spiritual enterprise. It is in Israel's best interest, as a small nation representing one of the world's oldest spiritual traditons, to accept ties with it.

Warning signal

There have always been individuals in Great Britain who have entertained sympathies for far right, even Fascist political views. Up until World War II a small group of these people supported the British Union of Fascists. Two decades ago, Enoch Powell, the British MP who combined a knowledge of the classics with racist ideology, ventilated his ideas from the mother of parliaments itself.

Never, however, did the extreme right in England, despite its sporadic support, ever elect a member of the Fascist coalition to a seat in parliament. That record holds to this day. But the results of an election for a local council seat in east London are sending disquieting messages about the growth of the radical right.

Derek Beackon, an unemployed London truck driver and open member of Britain's neo-Nazi British National Party, won that local London seat after campaigning on a blatantly racist platform in which the deportation of all non-whites was an election plank.

The election of Beackon to the Tower Hamlets Council (in an area which includes Canary Wharf and numerous public housing projects) is a symptom of the deep malaise festering in pockets of the white underclass in England.

Beackon's campaign was punctuated not only by racist rhetoric — directed against his constituency's large East Asian population — but by skinhead demonstrations and assaults on the stores and homes of that community in Brick Lane.

Tepid and inadequate police responses to hooliganism of this variety have prompted East Asian groups to mount self-defence organizations and vigilante groups from that community have been seeking confrontation with the skinheads.

While the election of Beackon is a local phenomenon, its sinister character cannot be ignored. The British government and local authorities cannot and must not permit the situation to deteriorate further. Promises to protect the East Asian community against these new Fascists have not been fulfilled. Communities which feel they are not being protected will resort to the defence methods now being seen in parts of London. The result can be anarchy and violence.

Action is needed now to stem racist agitation in Britain.

BEAUTIFYING THE MITZVAH...

Well-known Toronto textile artist Jocelyn Beigel created this sukkah wall hanging for a family in the United States. Made from appliqued silks, the 50 in. x 40 in. hanging is stitched with rayon and metallic threads, painted with dyes onto a quilted textured background.

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

THIS IS THE TIME

Israeli-Palestinian relations are now undergoing revolutionary changes that could usher in a new era of peace between the war-weary peoples.

As for the mutually debilitating Israel-PLO strife, enough is enough. As for the joint squandering of precious young lives, enough is enough. We must have peace today with the same daring and determination with which we waged war.

As a "light unto nations," Israel's goal has always been to enrich human life, not destroy it. Now an historic opportunity to advance this objective has emerged — an opportunity that, furthermore, may never return.

Can Israel and the PLO parlay their visions of peace into an enduring coexistence? Can two long-estranged descendants of Abraham at least choose fraternity over fratricide?

The High Holy Days are a time for spiritual rebirth, renewal and redirection. So never say never. Say, instead, Shana Tova!

Ted Fine
Toronto

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UP TO ADULTS

Rabbis and writers bemoan the increase in intermarriage and assimilation, and wonder what can be done. The answer, I believe, is relatively simple: it is a case of "back to basics" — knowledge of what Judaism is and its meaning in the modern era. We must strive *for* Judaism *against* assimilation. When questioned by teenagers why it is important to date other Jews, we must answer by stressing the positive qualities of Judaism. However, we cannot know this without an adult's appreciation for Judaism.

A large number of adult Jews received little or no Jewish education as children. The bulk of those who did attend Jewish school left at age 13. Thus, they are left with a child's view of Judaism, and little insight into the treasures Judaism has to offer. Rather than knowing of the ethics and values, all they remember is the bible stories. I believe it is our responsibility as adults not only to send our children to Jewish schools, but actively learn more about Judaism ourselves. If we don't, we reinforce the message "Judaism is for kids."

For those who haven't the time to attend lecture series or courses, read books. If you can't afford to buy books, go to the library. If you don't at least try, then don't complain when your children start dating non-Jews — it is you who has failed in your task of role model.

Michael Kinrys
Toronto

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EXIT SMALL PARTIES

Politics was turned into an exclusive club this year with the passage of bill C-114. The entry fee for a federal election has been raised from $200 to $1,000.

This makes it extremely difficult for fringe parties to field candidates throughout the country. The Conservative, Liberals and New Democrats supported this bill and are certainly not true democrats.

Jeff Pancer
Toronto

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'MAMEH LOSHEN' PLUS

"Yiddish has been called the Stradivarius of languages." These are the words with which you commenced your Sept. 9 editorial, entitled "Yiddish Preserved." The editorial was devoted to the remarkable revival of Yiddish in Charnowitz, under the leadership of an outstanding poet Josef Burg, one of the rare survivors of the Stalin purges.

For us in Canada, who pioneered the awakening of the then indifferent, if not outright negatively inclined Jewish establishment, and so many of the younger generations, your praise of Yiddish is indeed like music to our ears.

While we in Canada have already achieved considerable results in sensitizing our community to the great national cultural treasure of Yiddish, its admirable literature, rising to ever higher levels in spite of the Holocaust (to some extent, perhaps in a way because of the Shoah), we still have a long way to go. Let it be clearly said that we have no illusions of reviving Yiddish as it has been in Eastern Europe. But its contribution to the entire Jewish culture in all its ramifications can hardly be exaggerated in our struggle against outright assimilation. Yiddish culture must and, it is hoped, will remain an integral part of our national identity of genuine, dynamic Yiddishkeit.

We cannot, however, merely rely on the spontaneous process of cultural evolutions. An organized, purposeful effort must be made to further the uphill struggle. And so, it is most certainly proper to report that we in Montreal have already expanded the framework of the Yiddish committee to a rather well functioning so-called Yiddish consortium consisting, in addition to the committee, the growing "Mameh Loshen" Association and the Foundation for Yiddish Culture in Honor of Jacob Zipper and Shloime Wiseman.

We may look forward to future community support, of which your editorial stands out as a shining example. Parallel developments are also making their mark in Winnipeg and Toronto.

Prof. Arthur Lermer
Foundation for Yiddish Culture
Montreal

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Opinion

Demjanjuk verdict evokes multitude of feelings

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

The Ukrainian name is hard to pronounce for most people and the legal problems that led to his being set free by the Israeli Supreme Court are even more difficult to comprehend. The best analysis I have read comes from the ADL *Jerusalem Journal* of Sept. 7.

Demjanjuk, as you will remember, had been accused of having been one of the human beasts responsible for a number of indescribable cruelties and murders during the concentration camp days of the 40s. He was identified by a number of survivors as the infamous "Ivan the Terrible" of Treblinka.

In consequence, the U.S. government found that he had gained admission to the United States under false pretenses, because he had not revealed his past, and — upon request — he was extradited to Israel. There he was put on a highly publicized trial and convictd. But delays and appeals occurred and meanwhile, the Soviet Empire collapsed and hitherto inaccessible records became available. They cast doubt on Demjanjuk's identity. Eventually the matter ended up before Israel's Supreme Court. A few weeks ago it ruled that there was sufficient doubt that the accused was indeed "Ivan the Terrible" and ordered his release. He is now back in the United States.

Naturally, there was not only much discussion about the verdict but also much agony. Many people felt that his release made further war crimes prosecutions improbable or even impossible. On the other side of the ledger, revisionists (people who deny that the Holocaust ever happened) will cite the Israeli Supreme Court as a witness for their claim.

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Harry Wall and David M. Weinberg prepared the article for the *Jerusalem Journal*, and they make the following important comments:

1. Jewish justice is shown to be fair. Everybody critical of Israel had claimed that Demjanjuk's trial would be nothing but a public show and that the accused could not expect fairness in the Jewish state. Even Demjanjuk's lawyer, a Jew himself, took that line and hoped that it would rally the world behind Demjanjuk.

2. The Supreme Court set him free, but not because it believed him innocent. Far from it, for it was clear that if he was not "Ivan the Terrible" who had tortured and killed Jews at Treblinka, he had certainly been a Nazi guard at Sobibor and other camps. But the Israeli Court held that this particular aspect of Demjanjuk's activities was not before it. The Court was to decide only one question: Was Demjanjuk "Ivan the Terrible"? It came to the conclusion that there was sufficient doubt — centering specifically on the authenticity of identity cards — so that it could not say with certainty that he was that man. It further held that it was not enough to convict him because his identity was beyond reasonable doubt. It believed that — in accord with old Jewish practice — any doubt, however slight, should prevent a court from condemning a man to death.

3. The testimony of the survivors. "From a legal and historical point of view the most important part of the Demjanjuk trial was the testimony offered by Holocaust survivors about the Nazi death camps, the guards, and of course, Ivan the Terrible. Both the trial Court and the Appeals Court devoted most of their written decisions to an analysis of these testimonies. Despite the years since the Holocaust, the old age of the witnesses, and the emotions involved, the Court concluded that each of the witnesses was reliable and convincing. How tragic, then, that Demjanjuk's acquittal is taken by some as an argument against future war criminal prosecutions which rely upon the testimonies of the survivors. The fact is that this prosecution did not fail because of questionable survivor testimony, but because of alternative documentary evidence."

4. Bearing witness to the truth. It was not — as the Holocaust deniers will wish to claim — that the Holocaust itself was on trial, Demjanjuk was. It was a question of identity, not of history.

5. The trauma. Many survivors, and Jews in general, were deeply troubled that this man was let free even though he is most probably one of those who tortured his victims as a camp guard. If he were brought to Court on the charge of being a war criminal he would most likely be convicted. But that was not the issue, and difficult as it is to feel that this man will enjoy his freedom in Cleveland, Ohio, the cause of Jewish justice is greater.

This is the conclusion which the authors present:

"From a legal perspective the Demjanjuk trials will be studied by jurists and lawmakers for years. From a historical perspective, the trial helped educate a generation of Israelis about the Holocaust — a generation that was too young to remember the Eichmann trial. And, the proceeding revealed much about the Nazi collaborators. From a moral perspective, the question still needs to be asked: Is a Nazi war criminal being let go free? Israelis hope that history will complete the reckoning that the Court could not".

Show Boat creates inaccurate picture of black history

By ROGER ROWE

While thankful that the Candian Friends of Hebrew University has dropped *Show Boat* as a fundraiser (*The CJN*, August 12), I am concerned about some of the sentiments expressed in the above-noted article regarding alleged anti-Semitism by blacks and alleged censorship regarding *Show Boat*.

As expressly stated in its mission statement, The Coalition to Stop *Show Boat* is opposed to all negative forms of discrimination, including racism and anti-Semitism. The Coalition's membership includes members of the Jewish community who have marched regularly with us on the picket line against *Show Boat*.

It is unfortunate that some have characterized the opposition to *Show Boat* as being rooted in anti-Semitism. The black-Jewish issue in the context of *Show Boat* is a red herring. Any suggestion that a Jewish conspiracy is responsible for the *Show Boat* controversy is unfounded and without merit.

However, those members of the Jewish community who have remained silent on the *Show Boat* issue cannot reasonably use alleged anti-Semitism by blacks as an excuse for their inertia in opposing *Show Boat*. The real issue here is the racist tradition of *Show Boat*, with its negative stereotypes of blacks, and the impropriety of both inaugurating a public stage with such a musical and using such a racist historical misrepresentation in the school system to teach black history.

Until the leadership of the Jewish community is prepared to publicly acknowledge, denounce and condemn the anti-black racism promulgated by some members of the Jewish community, it seems somewhat hypocritical to require the leadership of the African-Canadian community to publicly condemn alleged anti-Semitism by blacks.

The Coalition's opposition to *Show Boat* goes far beyond the immediate issue of whether *Show Boat* ought to inaugurate the North York Performing Arts Centre. The Coalition is seeking to stop the tradition in the media and the arts of stereoptying blacks and other minorities, as well as the individual and systematic discrimination bred by this sort of imaging.

The Coalition is concerned about censorship. It is concerned about *Show Boat* producer Garth Drabinsky's censored and sanitized libretto which at the same time purports to accurately depict history.

In Drabinsky's censored version of *Show Boat*, no black is ever referred to as "nigger" and the Confederate flag, which many blacks find offensive, has been removed. This we are told accurately depicts life in the Old South. No reference whatsoever is made to the Holocaust perpetrated against blacks at that time: none of the raping, castrating, lynching, forced labor and police brutality is mentioned. Neither is black ingenuity in overcoming the obstacles of discrimination. What is presented is a total misrepresentation of history and of the nature and extent of black resistance to discrimination.

The danger of this sort of censorship and revisionist history is that audiences leave the theatre with a distorted view of how terrible social conditions were for blacks during that period. A whole new generation of theatre goers may be inundated with the same derogatory and insulting stereotypes which blacks have fought so hard to dispel, and which have served to promote the myth that blacks are inherently inferior.

Freedom of speech ought not to include freedom to promote anti-black hate propaganda and spread false news about the black Holocaust. The Jewish community has systematically opposed the staging of productions which it considered anti-Semitic, and on more than one occasion has succeeded in shutting down such productions on the grounds of alleged anti-Semitism.

As opposition to the distortion of history and negative imaging of blacks in *Show Boat* is perfectly compatible with opposition to illegal forms of censorship, it seems somewhat unreasonable for some members of the Jewish community to use opposition to censorship as an excuse for their inertia on the *Show Boat* issue.

Let us end the hypocrisy. Neither blacks nor Jews will gain anything from hurling accusations and labels at each other. We should be working together to oppose racism and anti-Semitism. *Show Boat* presents both of our communities with an opportunity in this regard. The Coalition is open to dialoge with any members of the Jewish community about the *Show Boat* issue or any other issues of import to our respective communities with a view to a productive outcome. We can be reached at (416) 489-9373.

(Roger Rowe is the co-chair of the Coalition to Stop Show Boat.)

Simchat Torah celebrates end of enjoyable project

By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

I've never had a job with a beginning, a middle and an end. I've wanted one, but I've never had one.

As a newspaper reporter, I found that the next story always started before the current story was done. I was forever chasing quotes from two directions.

As a political campaigner, I soon learned that both victory and defeat are rapidly followed by more campaigning.

And as a mother, it is certainly obvious that tasks have no middles, just constant beginnings and ends. Do the laundry; here's more laundry to be done. Do the dishes, and they'll just return to you, covered again in spaghetti sauce. Tidy the mail table, neaten up the house or wash the dog, and in no time, the mail is a jumble, the house is a jungle and the dog is stinky again.

When I was a magazine editor, the cyclical nature of events became the overwhelming theme of my professional life. The job was never done. There was never one instant of completion.

Even before one month's magazine was sent to the printer, I was absorbed in the details of the next. Outside of the office, I never knew what the date was. I was forever preparing spring stories in the winter, "back to school" stories in June and winter holiday gift spreads in steamy September. I was unanchored in time, adrift in a sea of deadlines.

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I was glad that there were future issues to look forward to, otherwise I would have been unemployed. And I didn't mind planning ahead. What I missed was the sense that it was possible to finish the task. We momentarily felt the thrill of completion when the new issue arrived from the print shop, but since it usually came just as we were frantically proofreading the next issue, the moment of triumph was brief — and usually blighted by the discovery of some error that had managed to elude our scrutiny. So our reaction to each new issue was to proofread the next one all over again. We never stopped for breath.

If we had paused, just for a bit, we could have celebrated each new issue with proper attention and focus.

That's why I appreciate Simchat Torah. It's not just the air of celebration and the parade around the synagogue. (In fact, the parade makes me wistful because I grew up in a Conservative synagogue where girls and women carried the scrolls along with the men, but in our Orthodox congregation, only the men dance with the Torah.)

The lovely thing about Simchat Torah is that it celebrates the end of a long project: the reading of the Torah. It reflects the cyclical nature of life by beginning the reading all over again.

No sooner is the last line read than the scroll is rewound so that the first line can be recited promptly. We go from the end to the beginning with immediacy, ready to begin reading and studying again. But the moment of completion is recognized. The celebration is about both ending and beginning, permanence and recommitment. It is also about recognition, but the kind of recognition that makes a good marriage, the constant discovery of something fresh amid the familiar.

Children understand this. Every parent has suffered through a set of bedtime books demanded over and over again. My husband and I clocked countless hours with *The Poky Little Puppy*, *Corduroy* and *Goodnight Moon*. Some Judaic books get similar wear, particularly *Reb Yitzhak's Jewel* and *A Tree Full of Mitzvahs*. We used to put in similar duty with *Curious George*, but I think my husband managed to lose it when we moved. The kids ask about curious old George now and then, but we can buy them off with endless doses of the Berenstein Bears.

These familiar yarns comfort children, as the repetitions of the well-known chapters of Torah comfort us and invite us to learn and grow. The children want to know that their security is permanent, that there is a structure they can depend on in their busy lives. The children want to know that, and so do we.

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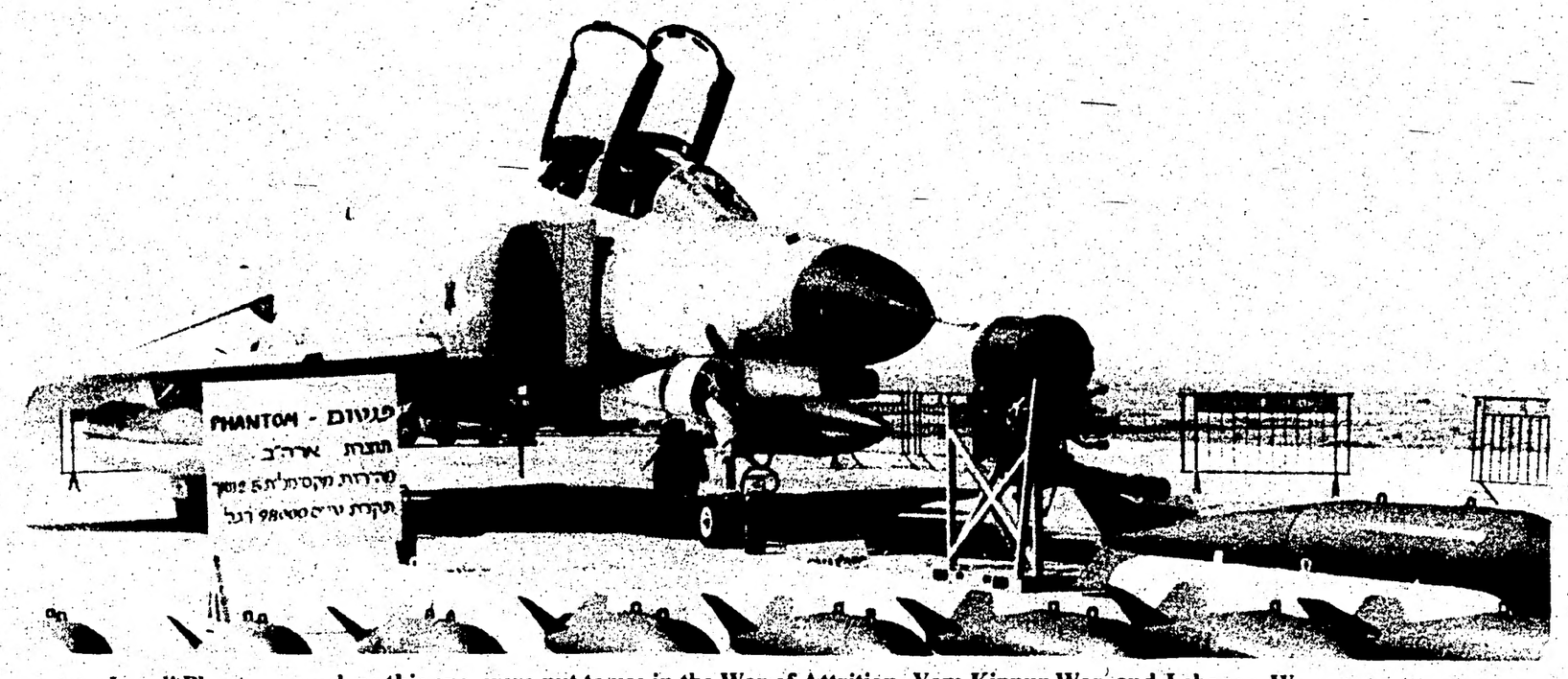


Israeli Phantoms, such as this one, were put to use in the War of Attrition, Yom Kippur War and Lebanon War.

Bird's eye view of IAF

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

In the summer of 1946, the nascent state of Israel decided it needed an air force. The decision to create one, taken by David Ben-Gurion, Israel's prime minister-to-be, was momentous. It would profoundly affect Israel's military doctrine in the years to come.

Its first commander, an old Haganah hand, knew nothing about aviation. This was not surprising. Yigael Yadin, the Haganah's chief of operations, regarded the Air Service, as it was then known, as no more than "a delivery service," writes Ehud Yonay in *No Margin For Error* (Random House, $36), a fascinating and instructive history of the Israeli Air Force (IAF), and one of the rare accounts on this topic in English.

Thoroughly researched and felicitously written, *No Margin For Error* traces the development of the IAF from its gawky, stepchild years in the 1950s to its present-day high profile. Yonay, author of *Top Guns*, which was made into the movie *Top Gun*, leaves no stones unturned as he tells a warts-and-all story of how the IAF was moulded into one of the finest air forces in the world.

When Aharon Remez, a Royal Air Force veteran, convinced Ben-Gurion that Israel could use a professional air force, the Yishuv's flying stock pitifully consisted of eleven single-engine light aircraft, including two Canadian DH Tiger Moth biplanes, in a sorry state of repair. Furthermore, there were exceedingly few qualified pilots.

So it fell on the Yishuv to buy war-surplus planes — from whatever source — and to recruit foreign volunteers, so that a viable air force could be hammered into existence as soon as possible.

Time was of essence, since fighting in Palestine had already broken out. In the runup to the 1948-49 War of Independence, the Air Service mainly delivered supplies and evacuated the wounded. A day after Ben-Gurion declared statehood, Egyptian Spitfires bombed the Air Service's tiny airfield in Tel Aviv, destroying half its planes on the ground and killing five men. Several days later, the Egyptians hit Tel Aviv's central bus station, leaving many casualties.

During the War of Independence, the Air Service did not acquit itself brilliantly, Yonay writes. It was blamed for delayed and aborted missions, for failing to locate targets, for inefficiency in command and administration.

During a lull in the fighting, Ben-Gurion invited Col. Cecil Margo, who had served as a bomber wing commander in the South African Air Force, to improve air operations. Margo found that the army's high command had failed to allot appropriate resources for training, maintenance, field organization, communications and transportation. Ben-Gurion heeded his advice. The air force was drastically reorganized and Remez was appointed commander.

But, as Yonay suggests, the IAF was still an inchoate organization. With the War of Independence over, virtually all the foreign volunteers left, leaving the IAF with only a handful of pilots and navigators and thus in crisis. As well, an alarming number of its planes were grounded for lack of spare parts, and Israel was not keeping pace with the Arabs' rapid buildup.

Israel's sole acquisition in 1950 was six aging, wood-framed World War II vintage Mosquito fighter-bombers — but that deal was summarily cancelled when the first Mosquito crashed en route from Britain. Subsequently, the IAF purchased Mosquitos from France, but they gave out in the hot weather. Israel bought Mustangs from Sweden and Spitfires from Italy, but they were no match for Egypt's sophisticated Meteor and Vampire jets.

The IAF entered the jet age in June 1953 when Remez's successor, Dan Tolkowsky, took delivery of two Meteor jet trainers from Britain. Yonay credits Menahem Bar, one of Tolkowsky's deputies, with spearheading the IAF's transition from piston-driven planes to jets. In September of that fateful year, he inaugurated the IAF's first formal jet training course with four students.

Yet the IAF was still seen as little more than a support force for the army, and was given no real opportunity to test its mettle. Indeed, on the eve of the 1956 Arab-Israeli war, Ben-Gurion doubted the IAF's ability to destroy the Egyptian Air Force and to defend Israel.

As it happened, the IAF — bolstered by new French Mysteres and Ouragans — performed credibly in the Sinai Campaign, bombing Egyptian armored columns, airfields and a destroyer heading for Haifa.

Nevertheless, demoralization in IAF ranks set in after that conflict, the result of low pay and poor living conditions on base. Pilots and mechanics left in droves. Tolkowsky's flamboyant successor, Ezer Weizman, the current president of Israel, raised morale and shaped the IAF into a formidable force. But it was Moti Hod, the IAF commander from 1966 to 1973, who led it to a spectacular victory in the 1967 Six Day War and its longest campaign during the 1967-1970 War of Attrition.

Throughout the 1960s, with Weizman and Hod at the helm, the IAF gathered massive data on Arab air forces. The information ran the gamut from the location of every single runway to the names of the pilots. It was fed into a master plan, Moked, the goal of which was to knock out Arab aircraft on the ground.

Survival of Israel depended on air strike

Yet, for all its theoretical brilliance, Moked was a risky undertaking. First, a ground offensive could not be launched until IAF planes reached their targets. Second, with only about 200 fighter-bombers at his disposal, Hod decided to strike Egypt first, thereby leaving Israel open to air attacks from Syria, Jordan and Iraq. Third, Hod left only 12 Mirages to defend Israel while the rest of the IAF was heading for Arab airfields.

It was the IAF's hardest and most critical mission. At no time before or after did the survival of Israel depend so completely on a single mission.

It was a resounding success, of course, and it dramatically enhanced the IAF's status. The IAF bagged 450 Arab aircraft, 70 in air combat, and with air cover assured, the Israel Defence Forces was able to win the war in just six days.

But there were mishaps and minor Arab victories. The IAF lost one-fifth of its planes and some 20 pilots. Several were murdered by angry crowds after bailing out. Jordan bombed Netanya and strafed the Kfar Sirkin airfield, hitting a Nord transport plane. Syria strafed Kibbutz Degania, a small military outpost, a dam on the Jordan River, the Megiddo airfield, a farming village on the Mediterranean and a convalescent home near Nazareth. Iraq hit Netanya, and caused the deaths of 14 soldiers when one of its Tupolev bombers crashed into a fuel dump. Egypt did not mount an attack on Israel proper.

The War of Attrition, which unfolded mainly in the Israeli-occupied Sinai Peninsula, presented the IAF with awesome challenges. Stunned by Egypt's fierce artillery barrages, which were inflicting an unacceptably high casualty rate on soldiers manning fortifications along the Suez canal, Israel unleashed the IAF against Egyptian missile and anti-aircraft batteries.

Launched on July 20, 1969 — the day of the Apollo moon landing — Operation Boxer was the biggest and most elaborate IAF mission since the Six Day War. At the end of a week, the IAF had silenced the Egyptians. But the Egyptians were uncowed and the War of Attrition went on.

With the help of its ally, the Soviet Union, Egypt erected still deadlier missiles along the length of the canal. Newly-acquired, American-manufactured IAF Phantoms attacked the missile umbrella protecting Egyptian troop concentrations. In less than one week, only five missile batteries were destroyed, at a cost of three Phantoms.

In a swirling battle in July 1970, the IAF downed five Egyptian MiGs piloted by Soviet aviators. But before an American-brokered cease-fire between Israel and Egypt went into effect in August, Egyptian missiles claimed still more Phantoms. According to Yonay, the War of Attrition taxed the IAF to the limit.

Yonay suggests that the IAF, mentally at least, was "caught unprepared" for the 1973 Yom Kippur War. The IAF's commander, Beni Peled, warned of imminent war. But few in his senior staff shared his alarm. Despite the difficulties of the War of Attrition, they were disdainful of the Arabs' war-making ability. Naturally, they were taken by surprise when 240 Egyptian fighter-bombers suddenly swept into the Sinai on Oct. 6 to strike Israeli airfields, missile sites and command posts. Israel's chief of staff, Gen. David Elazar, had recommended a preemptive air strike against Egypt and Syria. But Moshe Dayan, the defence minister, convinced Prime Minister Golda Meir that it would be politically disastrous.

Yonay says that the IAF's performance on the first day of the war was worthy of its reputation. Thirty seven Egyptian and five Syrian planes were shot down, and the bulk of a helicopter-borne Egyptian commando force was decimated.

In short order, the IAF reestablished air superiority. In a show of force, Phantoms bombed the headquarters of the Syrian army and air force in Damascus, fuel dumps and power stations in Homs and Syrian armor. However, it was powerless to halt Egypt's and Syria's powerful offensives in Sinai and on the Golan Heights. The inhibiting factor? Dense missile fields.

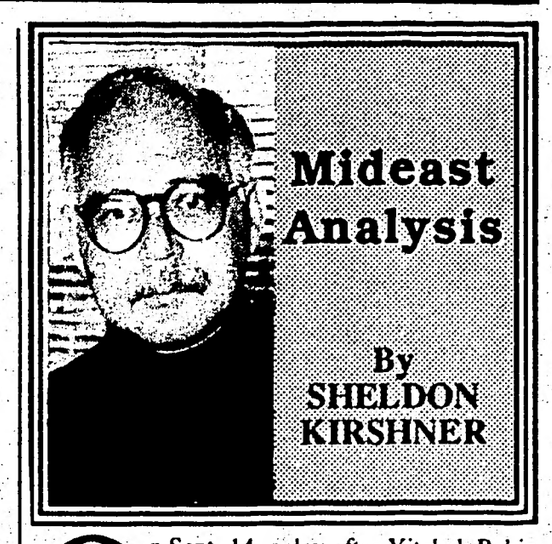
As in the War of Attrition, the IAF took heavy losses in trying to destroy these batteries. By the second day of the war, Yonay relates, the IAF had already lost 35 planes. As a result, Israeli land forces were hard-pressed to roll back the Arab tide. "Never in its history was the IDF bigger and stronger — and never more helpless in carrying out its share of the war's burden," he observes.

Eventually, thanks in large part to U.S. technology, the IAF found ways to beat the missiles. With the missile batteries eliminated, the IAF came into its own once again.

In the 1982 Lebanon War, the IAF completed the war against its nemesis, the missiles. Israeli aircraft destroyed advanced Syrian missile batteries in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley and also downed 80 Syrian jets, with a loss of one A-4 Skyhawk and two helicopters. The IAF's success, Yonay writes, "marked the physical and emotional rehabilitation of the IAF after the trauma of the Yom Kippur War."

In conclusion, Yonay surveys the IAF's devastating 1981 raid on Iraq's nuclear reactor — "the most hazardous and the longest combat mission the IAF had undertaken to date." And more succinctly, he wraps up the IAF's destruction of PLO headquarters near Tunis in October 1985.

Yonay ends his story there, without having written about more recent but smaller-scale IAF missions in Lebanon against PLO and Hezbollah camps. But the absence of such material hardly diminishes *No Margin For Error*. It is a first-rate bird's eye view of the IAF.



Mideast Analysis

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

On Sept. 14, a day after Yitzhak Rabin and Yasser Arafat shook hands and thereby formalized Israel's startling rapprochement with the PLO, a far less publicized ceremony took place in Washington.

Witnessed by only a few dozen officials in a State Department drawing room, Israel and Jordan signed a declaration of principles that, when fleshed out, will form the basis of a peace treaty.

In fact, Israel and Jordan had reached such an agreement last autumn, but it was shelved because King Hussein did not want to be the first Arab leader to sign an accord with the Jewish state.

Although King Hussein has met secretly with Israeli leaders on a number of occasions since the 1960s, he was simply not in a position to take the lead in so important and existential a matter as peace with Israel. He has powerful neighbors to consider — notably Syria, Iraq and Saudi Arabia — and he has been the target of several assassination attempts and insurrections.

Given these prime considerations, Jordan has always been exceedingly careful to hew to the Arab consensus with regard to Israel. On this score, King Hussein did not break ranks with his fellow Arabs. However, in his own best interests, he learned to live in relative peace with Israel. Indeed, Jordan co-operated with Israel in keeping their mutual border as quiet as possible.

Despite its Sept. 14 pact with Israel, there is still a long way to go before Jordan signs a full-blown treaty with Israel. The Jordanians have made no secret of their strategy. As Jordan's ambassador to the United States put it: "When we talk about... normalization of relations, they would have to be in the context of the comprehensiveness of the peace process."

Israel and Jordan opt for peace

In plain language, this means that Jordan will *not* sign a formal treaty with Israel until the PLO and Syria, among others, commit themselves to such a course.

In the meantime, arduous negotiations await Israel and Jordan. There is much work to do.

Under the terms of their ground-breaking agreement, Israel and Jordan are commited to reaching a "state of peace" based on UN Security Council resolutions 242 and 338. Matters pertaining to a demarcation of the international boundary, a just solution to the Palestinian refugee problem and water sharing must be settled in advance of a treaty.

Jordan's territorial dispute with Israel turns on two small blocs of land taken by the Israeli army during the 1967 Six Day War. The first, in the north, is close to the Yarmuk River, vital to Jordan's water supply. The second, in the Arava, runs from the Dead Sea to the Red Sea. For Israel, these are not insurmountable problems. Reports suggest that Israeli and Jordanian surveyors have already mapped out a new border.

According to the Jordanians, the main stumbling block on the road to peace is the issue of refugees and displaced persons, all of them Palestinians.

Since the 1948 War of Independence, Jordan has absorbed more than one million Palestinians from what is now Israel and the territories. As a result, two-thirds of Jordan's population consists of Palestinians.

Jordan's prime minister, Abdel Salem al-Majali, said recently that his government will demand compensation from Israel for the cost of having maintained this influx.

This contentious question can be solved, particularly if the United States, the European Community, Japan and the oil-rich Arab states contribute funds. In the interests of stability in the Middle East, donors are likely to be found.

With sufficient political will, the aforementioned problems will be resolved within a few years. For now, Israel and Jordan are perfectly capable of taking bold, symbolic steps heralding the onset of real peace.

If it wishes, Jordan can establish telecommunication links with Israel, lift the ban on travellers with Israeli visas in their passports and undertake joint industrial projects in the Dead Sea and in the Gulf of Aqaba.

Israel is certainly ready and able to embark on the path that leads to peace.

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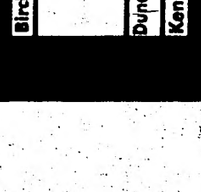

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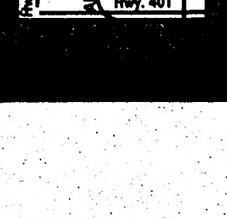

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Organizations and People

Toronto Star to reject ads that target Jews

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — From now on, *The Toronto Star* will reject all advertisements from so-called messianic Jewish groups unless they "clearly" identify themselves as Christian organizations and stop targeting Jews, says the paper's ombudsman.

Don Sellar told *The CJN* that the *Star* breached its own guidelines when it ran a "misleading" advertisement from a congregation describing itself as messianic Jewish — or accepting of Jesus as the Messiah.

The ad that appeared in the paper's religion section on Sept. 18, touting High Holy Day services at Beth Sar Shalom Congregation on Finch Avenue, was deceptive and a "violation" of the *Star's* guidelines on advocacy advertising, Sellar said.

In the future, the *Star* will reject all advertisements "of this type," he added.

The ad featured a Star of David inscribed with a dove and called on those interested to "come and worship with us as we serve the God of Israel through Yeshua, the Messiah of Israel."

The ad was particularly troublesome because it ran the congregation's name not only in English and Hebrew but Russian and said Russian translation of religious services was provided.

The ad "was directed at one group [Jews from the former Soviet Union] and that's a problem," Sellar said.

Russian Jews around the world are often targeted by messianic and other Christian outreach groups.

On Sept. 25, Sellar devoted his weekly column to the ad, saying "casual readers might be forgiven for thinking a Jewish congregation had paid for it."

Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region chair Gerda Frieberg wrote the *Star* to state that Beth Sar Shalom "is a Christian missionary organization whose aim is to convert Jews to Christianity. This church should not be confused with anything Jewish."

According to Sellar, "unless ads from messianic Jews says they're Christian, it is hard to classify them as anything but misleading."

From now on, groups like Beth Sar Shalom, Jews for Jesus and any of the numerous messianic Jewish organizations will have to clearly identify who and what they are and "stop singling out specific groups for conversion," he said.

In 1988, the *Star* toughened its guidelines on advocacy advertising to state that "no advertisement will be accepted which identifies one religious faith and urges its adherents to adopt different views or a different faith."

Despite the policy, this was the second time in less than a year that an ad for a messianic Jewish group slipped by the *Star*.

Last December, the paper ran an ad from Jews for Jesus showing a small child gazing at a fully-lit chanukiah.

The Beth Sar Shalom ad was "more subtle and was missed. We are taking steps to ensure it won't happen again. There's no room for deception.

"This incident hit home in a way the earlier one [in December] did not. We're treating it with the seriousness it deserves."

Sellar conceded it may be difficult to get some messianic Jewish groups to identify themselves as Christian because their adherents sincerely believe they can follow the teachings of Jesus and still be Jewish.

Police getting ready for Show Boat debut

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — Both sides have agreed on how close those protesting the production of *Show Boat* can stand to the entrance of the new North York Performing Arts Centre when the musical opens.

That assurance was given by Deputy Police Chief James Clark, who said there would be "free and easy access" for those attending the preview opening Oct. 5 and the official opening Oct. 17.

Linda Morowei of the Coalition to Stop Show Boat and Daniel Brambilla, executive vice-president of Live Entertainment of Canada Inc., told the Metro Toronto Police Services Board recently they were satisfied with the protest arrangements.

Morowei said the demonstrations would be peaceful.

Although Deputy Chief Clark said there would be enough officers on duty Oct. 5 and Oct. 17 to forestall any disturbance, Morowei said her group planned to protest at other show times as well.

Board chair Susan Eng asked Morowei if her group intended to ask for an injunction to stop the show. No such decision has been made, but it is under consideration, the Coaliton spokeswoman said.

Eng and Brambilla of Livent, producers of the show, clashed over a suggestion by Eng that Livent was responsible for the extra costs to police of keeping an eye on the demonstrations.

"If you had it to do again, would you still do it?" asked Eng.

"That's hardly a question appropriate for this body," replied Brambilla.

The chair asked the Livent executive if he was aware that police would be at the show, even though they should be doing other things.

"Well," he replied, "that's hardly my fault."

"Well, I guess that's the question, isn't it?" Eng retorted. At this point the board lost a quorum.

After the board meeting, a Toronto daily reporter approached Eng and said, "You don't like this show do you? It's obvious from your remarks."

"It's not that I don't like it," answered Eng "My concern is that we're stuck with the cost. We want to know if people understand that they are causing this expense."

"Are you satisfied that the protests will be peaceful?" the *CJN* reporter asked. "Let's hope so" Eng said.

Earlier Morowei had asked the board to stop *Show Boat*, contending that the novel on which it is based, written by Edna Ferber in the 1920s, is hate literature.

Deputy Chief David Boothby told the board that if a complaint is lodged once the show opens, police will investigate, and after one or two weeks, turn their findings over to the provincial attorney-general who will make the decision on whether a charge should be laid.

Commissioner Arnold Minors wanted police to act ahead of time on the basis of previous productions of *Show Boat* but Boothby said this was not possible.

After the meeting, Morowei said she was disappointed that the police would not stop the show before it opens but the group is considering other alternatives, in addition to peaceful protests.

Conceding that there are lines in the novel which are "problematic," Brambilla said Livent is not producing the novel and in his opinion, the musical depicts blacks as hard-working, decent people who are being mistreated by the white establishment.

Election update

TORONTO — Three candidates last week added their names to the list of candidates for the riding of Markham-Whitchurch-Stouffville. (*CJN*, Sept. 29) The new candidates are Sheldon Bergson, National Party; Dean Papadopoulos, Abolitionist; and Paul Wang, independent. Chum Richardson is not a candidate.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

10:30 A.M.

SHOSHANA ZOLTY, author of ***And All Your Children Shall be Learned***, conducts a seminar on **"Women and the Study of Torah in Jewish Law and History"**. Sponsored by Nishma and Emunah Women of Toronto. **Free**

10:30 A.M. and 1:30 P.M.

Phoebe Gilman, author of ***Something From Nothing***, will read and show illustrations from her book based on a beloved Yiddish Folktale.
For ages 5 - 8 **$1.00**

1:30 P.M.

PERETZ MIRANSKY MEMORIAL LECTURE featuring **ANITA NORICH**, author of ***The Homeless Imagination in the Fiction of Israel Joshua Singer***. Lecture in Yiddish. Sponsored by The Committee for Yiddish, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and Kultur Geselshaft. **$5.00**

4:00 P.M.

READINGS by contributors to ***Parchment 93-94***, Canada's national journal of creative Jewish writing. Featuring **SHEL KRAKOFSKY, SEYMOUR MAYNE, BARBARA NOVAK, KEN SHERMAN. Free**

5:00 P.M.

"IN THEIR OWN VOICES: JEWISH POETS READING FROM THEIR WORKS" ARCHIE ROTTENBERG, author of ***Child of Laughter and Other Frightening Sounds***; **JANIS RAPOPORT**, author of ***Upon Her Fluent Route*** and **SHEL KRAKOFSKY**, author of ***Listening for Somersaults***. **Free**

8:00 P.M.

ABBA EBAN, Author of ***Personal Witness: Israel Through My Eyes.*** Abba Eban, former Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations and the United States is often called the "Voice of Israel." In his latest book, he offers insightful, often startling opinions of Zionism, the relationship between Arabs and Israelis and the Middle East peace process. **$12.50**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

10:30 A.M.

Just Enough is Plenty, a Chanukah tale written by BARBARA DIAMOND GOLDIN. Performed by students of the Dr. Abraham Shore Academy Shearim Hebrew Day School as part of their "Literacy Through Drama" Program. Discussion follows. K - Grade 8. **Free**

1:30 P.M.

SHARON ABRON DRACHE, author of ***The Golden Ghetto***, will speak on **"She Doesn't Live There Anymore". Free**

8:00 P.M.

ELLEN KREIDMAN, author of How ***Can We Light a Fire When the Kids Are Driving Us Crazy?*** will speak on **"Passion and Parenthood Can Go Hand In Hand"** and **JAY TEITEL**, author of ***From Here to Paternity: An Intimate View of a Father's Day***, will speak on **"Parenting: A Lifetime Every Day"**. Sponsored by Leo Baeck Parents' Association, U.S.D.S. Parents' Association, A.H.D.S Parents' Association & Bialik Hebrew Day School Parents' Association. **$5.00**

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1:30 P.M.

SARAH CHANA RADCLIFFE, author of ***Teen Esteem***, will speak on **"Self-Esteem for the Whole Family"**. Sponsored by the Country Shul and Jewish Family & Child Service. **Free**

8:00 P.M.

ED MIRVISH, author of ***How to Build an Empire on an Orange Crate***, will speak on **"121 Lessons I Never Learned In School"** Sponsored by Hadassah-WIZO Organization of Toronto - Ontario Region, United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, Women's League for Conservative Judaism - Ontario Branch and Jewish Students Federation of York University. **$5.00**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

10:30 A.M. & 1:30 P.M.

CAROL MATAS, acclaimed youth novelist and author of ***Lisa*** and ***Jesper***, talks with students about two of her new books: ***Daniel's Story***, published in conjunction with the U.S. Holocaust Memorial about the heroic struggle of a Jewish teenager to survive Nazi persecution.

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ESTHER DELISLE, author of ***The Traitor and the Jew***, will speak on **"Anti-Semitism and the Delirium of Right-Wing Nationalism in French Canada 1929-39"**. Sponsored by the Jewish Book Committee at the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto, Canadian Society for Yad Vashem & League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada. **$5.00**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

10:30 .AM.

DR. BARRY SIMON, author of ***The Winning Weigh***, will speak on **"Seven Steps to Healthier Living"**. Sponsored by the Mary Cogan Women's Health Club, JCC. **Free**

1:30 P.M.

JOY FIELDING, author of ***Tell Me No Secrets***, will speak on **"The Secrets Women Keep"**. Sponsored by National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section and Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living. **Free**

8:00 P.M.

IVAN KALMAR, author of ***The Trotskys, Freuds and Woody Allens: Portrait of a Culture***, will speak on **"The Great Civilization of the Mixed-Up Jew"**. Sponsored by Toronto Women's ORT. **$5.00**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

8:00 P.M.

DAVID OLIVE, author of ***Genderbabble***, will speak on **"The Dumbest Things Men Ever Said About Women"**.
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Dr. Goldberger, Professor of Psychology at the University of New York, was one of the Jewish children rescued from Denmark. Sponsored by Holocaust Remembrance Committee, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. **Free**

4:00 P.M.

ROBERT BRYM, co-editor of ***THE JEWS IN CANADA***, will lead a panel discussion on **"The Future of the Canadian-Jewish Community"** with the participation of **WILLIAM SHAFFIR, JAY BROADBAR** and **LEO DAVIDS**. Sponsored by the Label Basman Memorial Scholarship Fund and Secular Jewish Association. **Free**

5:00 P.M.

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Beth Tikvah's baseball team comes out on top of league

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — With the Toronto Blue Jays in the thick of yet another pennant race, the boys of summer who played in the Inter-Synagogue Baseball League can put away their bats and gloves, park themselves in front of the TV and enjoy major league ball without distraction.

That's because members of the 16-team league recently concluded their own season as Beth Tikvah's 'A' team out-slugged Adath Israel's hitters in the league's championship game. Beth Tikvah, bouyed by the strong hitting of Jeff Secter, Ian Solomon, Steve Albert and captain Howard Goldkind, jumped into a 7-0 first-inning lead and never looked back.

The 24-11 final score was especially satisfying for the boys from Beth Tikvah since last year they went down to defeat at the hands of Adath Israel in the final game, Goldkind said. "This year we turned the tables on them. To use the old Brooklyn Dodgers term, 'We moidered them.' "

The league championship capped an unblemished season for Beth Tikvah, as they posted a perfect 10-0 regular season record. Faced then with a single-knockout, round-robin playoff tournament followed by quarter- and semifinals, they defeated teams from Beth Emeth, Temple Sinai, Beth David, Holy Blossom and Beth Sholom.

They then came up against their old nemesis, Adath Israel. But with their hitters making contact early and centre fielder Rob Waxman providing solid defence, they were never in trouble.

The Inter-Synagogue League was established in 1987 to provide competitive baseball to the members of the city's synagogues and temples. The league now consists of 16 teams from Conservative and Reform shuls.

They play a nine-inning, three-pitch game. That format, in which the pitcher throws to members of his own team, puts a premium on hitting and fielding and creates an action-filled game, Goldkind said.

The season will officially come to an end with a banquet/brunch at one of the participating synagogues.

Archeological dig reveals the past

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — Archeologists are very lucky when they find a civilization destroyed by sudden catastrophe, says Professor Moshe Kochavi, former head of Tel Aviv University's Department of Archeology. In the case of volcanoes, earthquakes, or, more commonly, war, "everything" is found inside the ruins, because the people had no time to pack and flee.

Kochavi, who was in Toronto on sabbatical until the end of September, recently discussed his findings concerning just such a civilization for Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University at the home of Deborah White.

In the past six years an international team of archeologists has uncovered artifacts from the early Bronze Age in a location which hundreds of years later became the home of the Geshurites, neighbors of the Canaanites in biblical times, Kochavi said. The biblical land of Geshur was located in the southern Golan Heights, east of the Sea of Galilee.

A three metre-high heap of stones in the Golan turned out to be the tip of a city wall with a former gateway filled in by more stones. "This [represents] the last resort of people trying to defend themselves," said Kochavi. "They [walled in] the opening of the gate which is the most vulnerable part of any defence."

The name of the city is lost to history, Kochavi told *The CJN*. "There are no historical records." Further archeological work yielded hundreds of small river pebbles which had to have been transported into the city, Kochavi said. "Our explanation is that they were slingshots." Mace heads, the most important weapon of the time, were also found at the site, reinforcing previous evidence that the city had been under siege.

Israeli archeologists began working in earnest in the Golan Heights only in 1967 or 1968, following the Six Day War.

The Geshur dig revealed evidence of a primitive olive oil factory. The olive oil industry was one of the most important ingredients of the Mediterranean economy, noted Kochavi.

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Organizations and People

Jewish Vocational Services president Beverly Lyons with guest speaker Robert Hall at last week's JVS annual meeting.

JVS super volunteer issues urgent warning

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — Charities of all stripes are in danger of losing a whole generation of volunteers because younger people lack the same motivation and time as their parents.

The warning was delivered by super volunteer Robert Hall at last week's annual meeting of Jewish Vocational Service of Metropolitian Toronto (JVS).

Hall said he worries about the future of volunteerism because support from the younger generation is "eroding."

The recession, coupled with the more demanding roles of husband and wife, have led to a decrease in the number of volunteers, Hall said, adding he fears the trend is "the wave of the future."

He said there is less of a problem with those aged 18 to 30 than with those 30 and over. There is a "desperate" need for volunteers aged 30 and over, said Hall, who tallies a long list of communal volunteerism that includes service for the Jewish National Fund, Variety Clubs International, the National Council of Christians and Jews, various hospital boards and JVS, of which he's an honorary director and past president.

What's driving younger volunteers away is the fear that on top of donating time, they will be expected to contribute to the cause financially, Hall said.

That can be alleviated by telling prospective young volunteers that the only things needed of them are time and talent, he added.

"Those who help cannot be allowed to become statistics on a computer," Hall admonished.

The recession has seriously eaten away at volunteerism, he pointed out. There is "more than a suggestion from governments" that hospital board members be elected at large, while school boards might implement volunteer work.

Reduced volunteerism, he warned, leads to a less efficient society. The task at hand is to "stimulate" younger people.

On that note, JVS executive director Ed Segalowitz thanked the 150 or so volunteers who donated time and talent to the agency over the past year.

JVS president Beverly Lyons said the impact of the recession has worsened, meaning the agency's funding has decreased while the number of clients has increased.

This past fiscal year, JVS served over 5,000 clients in 18 programs. It ended the year with a $5,000 surplus, compared to a $17,500 deficit the year before.

Lyons said the agency's priorities for the coming year are to develop the range of services for immigrants and the unemployed.

JHS releases new book

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — The Jewish Historical Society (JHS) of Western Canada unveiled its latest in a series of publications on Jewish life and times in Western Canada. Vol. VI — *Personal Recollections: the Jewish Pioneer Past on the Prairies* — was introduced to about 100 pioneers and their descendants on Sept. 8, at a reception at the YMHA Jewish Community Centre.

The 115-page volume's release coincides with the 25th anniversary of the JHS, one of the most active Jewish historical societies in Canada. The book is a compilation of interviews with pioneers primarily from Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Funding for the book was provided by the foundation, the provincial government's Department of Culture, Heritage and Citizenship, Multiculturalism and Citizenship Canada, the WJCC and the Canadian Jewish Congress. Copies of the book are available at the JHS office in Winnipeg.

BB Month starts in Vancouver

By MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER — Mayor Gordon Campbell of Vancouver has proclaimed October as B'nai B'rith Month in Vancouver in honor of the 150th anniversary of the organization.

Campbell, who was recently elected head of the provincial Liberal party, signed the proclamation at city hall.

To mark the anniversary, BB Lion's Gate Lodge will honor a veteran member, Alec Jackson, at a dinner at Schara Tzedeck synagogue on Oct. 17. Featured speaker will be Norman Simon of Los Angeles, executive director of BB District 4, which embraces more than 16,000 members in British Columbia, Washington state, Oregon, California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, Alaska and Hawaii.

The Vancouver lodge, the only one in B.C., has about 350 members. When B'nai Brith Canada was formed a number of years ago to include Canadian lodges, the Vancouver lodge chose to retain its affiliation with the American unit. Alec Jackson has served as grand president of District 4 and is currently on the B'nai B'rith International Council. Locally, he is on the executive board of Canadian Jewish Congress, and has been president of the Jewish Community Centre, the Schara Tzedeck and the Canadian Zionist Federation.

Other anniversary activities include an Oneg Shabbat on Oct. 15 at Beth Israel synagogue and a special morning service on Oct. 16 at Schara Tzedeck.

Correction

In the brief review of Ruth Bindefeld Neray's *Death by Design*, (*CJN*, Rosh Hashanah Supplement, Sept. 15), the publisher was inadvertently left out.

The book is published by Childe Thursday, 29 Sussex Ave., Toronto, M5S 1J6.

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PC's Monson goes on attack against incumbent MP Volpe

ELECTION WATCH '93

Marc Monson

Joe Volpe

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — As the Conservative candidate in the central Toronto riding of Eglinton-Lawrence, Marc Monson seems to be adopting an old sports adage to run his campaign: The best defence is a good offence.

Instead of defending the Tory record of the past nine years, Monson is on the attack, charging that the incumbent MP, Liberal Joe Volpe, is inaccessible to voters and was absent for 50 percent of the votes in Parliament.

"You can't call Volpe and reach him," Monson charged from his campaign headquarters, located in a Lawrence Avenue mall. "A politician has to be responsible and accountable to his constituents."

But Volpe is having none of it: "My office is the biggest one in the city by far" and it has dealt with more than 3,000 cases since he was elected five years ago to serve in Ottawa, he said.

Gael Hepworth

Volpe said he makes a point of meeting and responding to his constituents. Turning to his parliamentary record, Volpe said he has been vigorous in committee work, debates and "in voting records that count.

"For those who feel proud of the GST, free trade and other taxes, the voting record that counts is the vote that says you shall not foist these measures on the people of my riding."

Both Monson and Volpe, as well as Reform candidate Charles Van Tuinen and New Democrat Gael Hepworth, agree on one item — the number one campaign issue in the riding is the economy.

Hepworth points out that in Eglinton-Lawrence, which runs south of Highway 401, and which follows the border between the cities of Toronto and North York south to Rogers Rd., the number one job for men is in the construction industry and for women, the garment trade. Both have been hit hard by the economic downturn. "The NDP has a different job strategy for Canada," she said. "It talks about community development programs."

Hepworth contrasts the NDP plan for local initiatives to the Tory's love of the "big project," like the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

Van Tuinen, who works in the engineering department of a Scarborough manufacturer, agrees that voters' primary concern is the economy and jobs, but he believes the country's debt load is the source of the problem. "We must wrestle that $30 billion deficit and get rid of it," he said.

Questioned about multiculturalism, Van Tuinen said "I believe it to be a private matter. I think multiculturalism has divided people. We put people into segmented groups and divide them.

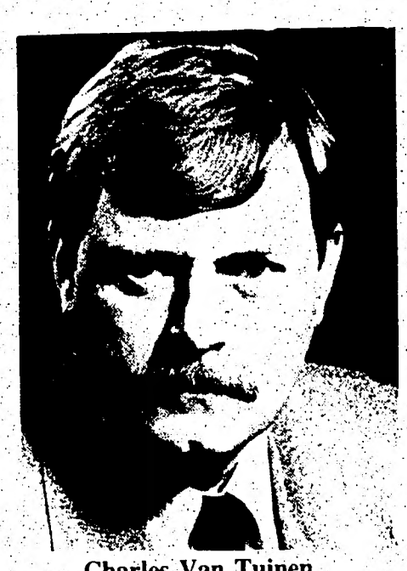
"People should look after their own cultures and the government should stay out of it. . . We should abandon all expenditures on multiculturalism."

The other candidates take quite a different view. Volpe criticized the Tories for "whittling" the Multiculturalism Department's finances "to virtually zip." The government "has killed the department and folded [it] into the super-ministry of Heritage," he said. "That's not positive. It suggests the Tories do not have a high regard for it. At the least, it suggests the government is unwilling to support it financially, even though 40 percent of the country would fall within it."

The CBC and the Department of Communications, with their "enormous budgets," should be used as vehicles to promote multiculturalism, Volpe said.

Without scanning any reference material, Volpe rattles off a demographic profile of the riding: its residents include 13,000 Jews, 20,000 Italians, 8,000 Portuguese, 3,000 Chinese, 5,000 people from the Caribbean, 4,000 Hispanics, 1,000 Germans, 1,000 French-Canadians, 37,000 Anglo-Saxons and 6,000 others, including immigrants from the Middle East.

According to Liberal exit polls at the last election, 45 percent of the riding's Jews voted for the Grits, 40 percent backed the Tories, he said.



Charles Van Tuinen

Monson, a real estate agent, is quick to defend Tory policy, saying the shift of multiculturalism to the Heritage Ministry is merely a "streamlining of government bureaucracy." Multiculturalism is not being downplayed, he said.

Hepworth, who runs her own management consulting business, said

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Organizations and People

York Centre open territory as longtime Liberal MP leaves

ELECTION WATCH '93

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — For the first time since 1974, York Centre will have a new member of Parliament following the Oct. 25 federal election. Longtime Liberal MP Robert Kaplan, who has represented the riding for the past 19 years, is retiring from politics.

York Centre encompasses the area bounded by Steeles Avenue on the north, Jane Street and the Black Creek on the west, Highway 401 on the south, and the Don River on the east.

Art Eggleton

Liberal candidate Art Eggleton, 49, formerly mayor of Toronto, seems confident of his chances despite having been parachuted into the riding by national party leader Jean Chretien.

North York city councillor Peter Li Preti, an independent candidate who had planned to run for the Liberals himself and had even started campaigning, was unsuccessful in seeking an injunction against the Liberal party in the wake of Eggleton's nomination.

Eggleton told *The CJN* he was "pleased and honored" to have been appointed. "I didn't ask for an appointment," he said.

He defends the appointment on the basis that it avoided abuse (artificially inflating local party membership) of the usual nomination method, whereby local party members vote for a candidate, and that it allowed Chretien "to mold a team he would take into government."

The party "decided democratically" at a convention that it wanted to give the leader the opportunity to make appointments, Eggleton said, adding that York Centre had been earmarked for an appointment.

Eggleton feels that the federal government should play a lead role in the use of Canada's two official languages. "We should not just leave it up to the provinces," he said. "I think there needs to be a national responsibility to make sure the two languages are preserved." It would be implemented "where possible," he said.

The former co-chair of the National Action Committee on Race Relations feels that Canada's multicultural focus should be to ensure equal opportunity and fight racism. "The Conservatives have not done enough in that regard," he said.

Hate crimes constitute another area in which Eggleton feels more needs to be done. "The law is there, but the problem is it's insufficient in terms of enforcement," he says regarding hate propaganda.

"I think it's important that vigorous prosecution be undertaken against Ernst Zundel. If he's allowed to continue poisoning minds, what kind of message is it sending?"

Eggleton, who has visited Auschwitz, Babi Yar and Yad Vashem, feels that the investigation of suspected Nazi war criminals "should be expedited before it becomes too late." He sees extradition as a possible solution. "Legislation has been on the books since 1987, and there hasn't been a successful prosecution."

Eggleton stresses the importance of immigration "to support our social system" in light of Canada's aging population and declining birth rate. He is dissatisfied with Canada's refugee determination process, which he feels should be streamlined to make it "fast and fair."

However, getting Canada's economy moving is Eggleton's main priority. Helping small business is key, he explains. "Small business is where four out of five jobs are created, but it's also where a lot of jobs are lost. We need to encourage banking institutions to provide capital loans to small businesses so they can expand."

The GST, which Chretien has said he would eliminate, has put a damper on consumer spending, Eggleton said.

Eggleton is excited about the Middle East peace process, and feels that Canada should continue to encourage it, perhaps by lending expertise. He is not in favor of arms sales by Canada to the Middle East.

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Conservative candidate George Tsiolis, 25, is a recent graduate of Osgoode Hall Law School who studied economics as an undergraduate. He was a co-founder of the York Hellenic Students Association.

Tsiolis is convinced that Liberal economic policies are a "quick-fix solution" and not in Canada's best interests. "Unfortunately the whole world is in a recession. There's nobody there to buy the products we're going to produce.

George Tsiolis

"From the end of World War II until the early 1970s, we knew it would be a matter of time until the economy bounced back. I don't see an immediate bounceback [now], and that means we're spending money we don't have. It will run the deficit even deeper. My generation is going to have to carry that tax burden," he said.

"I think the Conservatives are taking the right approach, [although] it will be hard in the short run."

Tsiolis, who attended the Conservative leadership convention as a student delegate, is hoping for a majority Conservative government. He believes the costs of a minority government ("game-playing") outweigh the benefits (increased co-operation).

"I think people don't realize," Tsiolis told *The CJN*, "that as people we have so much power. Where we don't see government acting, it's up to us to form our own groups and push for changes. We have a vibrant democracy. Everybody has input."

Tsiolis feels that Canada should "definitely" take an active role in the Middle East peace process. "We take pride in being humanitarians and peacekeepers," he said. "I think our role should be to facilitate talks."

Selling arms to the Middle East would be "a conflict of interest" for Canada, Tsiolis said. "If you're trying to facilitate peace but at the same time you're selling arms, your role becomes null and void."

Tsiolis believes the government also has to begin aiming for cohesion between multicultural groups at home. "Racism towards immigrants still exists. I think a lot of it is based on ignorance," he said. He would like to see more multicultural representation in government.

Tsiolis, whose father immigrated in 1958, thinks Canadian immigration should strive for a balance between "slowing down [because] we don't have the resources" and "keeping the doors open.

"I wish there was an easy answer," he says.

Tsiolis strongly favors continuing investigation of suspected Nazi war criminals, which "will encourage other nations to fulfil their role. If we were to slow down, that gives a signal to the G-7 and other nations."

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Israel Ellis, 27, is the recently nominated NDP candidate. A graduate of York University in political science, he is an active member of the Holocaust Remembrance Association and a self-employed businessman.

He was an executive assistant to the Royal Commission on Electoral Reform in 1990 and has been involved with the NDP for close to a decade as a junior auditor.

Ellis believes that a number of Jewish concerns need to be addressed, including trade with Israel.

Ellis is committed to the Middle East peace process, he said, adding that he is equally committed to Israel's long-term security. He feels Israel should be granted further support from Canada in the form of financial aid and further trade.

Israel Ellis

He feels that surrounding Arab countries should "share the burden" with Israel for the Palestinian situation.

He would like to see greater control over arms sales so that they would only be sold for defensive purposes, and not to known fundamentalists or terrorists. "I'm against warfare and arms," he noted, "but they're a reality in the world."

Canada should get directly involved in the Middle East peace process, he said. He would like to see a Canadian task force "to share in the responsibility of finding an equitable solution."

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Ohr Somayach making mark on Torah scholars

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO — Sophisticated books of Torah scholarship are being written by young men who not so long ago were starting their Torah studies from scratch. That is the achievement of Ohr Somayach, said institution founder and dean Rabbi Nota Schiller.

Rabbi Schiller was keynote speaker at the 1993 annual scholarship brunch of Canadian Friends of Ohr Somayach and Ohr Somayach/JEP Thornhill. The event was held at Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation in Thornhill.

When Ohr Somayach started as an educational outreach program, Rabbi Schiller said, people worried whether students would reach a level where they could join the mainstream of Orthodox scholarship. That concern, he said, has been laid to rest.

At this time of the year, Rabbi Schiller said, Jews are thinking about repentance and returning to their roots. It is fitting, he said, that Ohr Somayach has its major event at such a time.

Honorees at the brunch were businessmen Emanuel Diena and Zale Magder, and accountant Gerald Goldberg. They were presented with silver etrog boxes by Rabbi Avram Rothman, executive director of the Thornhill Ohr Somayach.

In response, Diena said that he considered that the award was given to him as a representative of his family, who are very involved in Jewish study and charitable causes.

Magder, who noted that he had been introduced to Ohr Somayach by "Lunch 'n Learn" sessions at his office organized by his son, said that he had learned "a Jewish perspective on the world. [All the issues of the day] are discussed right in the Torah."

Goldberg, whose firm sponsors a monthly lecture series "Torah for Tycoons" said that Jews are always considered and thought about as Jews, not just by ourselves but by the people around us.

Because of that, he said, it is important to see Judaism as "an all-encompassing way of life."

Rabbi Baruch Taub, spiritual leader of the host congregation, praised Ohr Somayach as being "responsible for the return to Torah study and observance of tens of thousands of young Jews.

"We in Toronto are a greater community because Ohr Somayach is here."

Master of ceremonies was Jeff Ansell. John Kaplan chaired the brunch, and Meyer Weinstock was chair of the honor roll.

Musical entertainment was provided by Gershon Wachtel.

Hamilton JNF gets new president

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — Dr. Sharon Marcovitz Hart has been named president of the Hamilton Jewish National Fund.

Installed at a recent JNF board and council meeting at the Jewish Community Centre, Marcovitz Hart was also presented with the Bernard M. Bloomfield medal for meritorious service to the JNF.

Vice-president of the JNF for the past four years, she succeeds Marvin Rosenshein, who becomes chair of the board.

Marcovitz Hart has been a member of the national board of the JNF for the past three years.

She is immediate past president of Hamilton Na'amat Club Nitsan as well as a member of the national Na'amat board, State of Israel Bonds, JNF and Histadrut.

For the past five years she has headed the successful Na'amat Tu B'shevat telethon fundraising campaigns, which helped established two projects in Israel, one in Eilat and one on Mt. Scopus.

Marcovitz Hart has been a member of the board of the JCC for the past five years and is currently serving on the executive as secretary. She is also a past president of the Hamilton Hebrew Academy PTA.

Her prime function as JNF president, she says, will be to raise awareness of the role of the Jewish National Fund.

"The big thing for me is that the JNF is not just trees. It's roads and water and housing and people. The JNF is people."

She looks forward to organizing various functions and would particularly like to see greater JNF involvement in events such as the JCC Purim carnival and Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations.

Other new Hamilton JNF appointments include Manny A. Fine, William I. Halpren, Leslie J. Pasis and Andrea Stringer as vice-presidents; Albert Cohen, treasurer, and Dr. Michael Taylor, secretary.

Jews in the movies

TORONTO —Michael Medved, co-host of *Sneak Previews*, best-selling author of *Hollywood vs. America*, and columnist for *The New York Post*, will comment on the role of Jews in the movies to delegates at Women's Canadian ORT's Twenty-First Convention.

Michael Medved

Medved will also be discussing how sex and violence in the media affect children. His argument that there must be standards for family entertainment has received an outpouring of support around North America.

Women's Canadian ORT's biennial convention will be held in Vancouver from Oct. 24- Oct. 26.

One of the other highlights of the convention will be a keynote address from Dr. Gideon Meyer at the installation and awards luncheon on Oct. 26.

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

Now that the holidays are almost over, the deadlines for What's New and About People return to the regular Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, Oct. 14, is deadline for the Oct. 28 issue). I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. The phone number is 422-2331. Fax number is 424-1886.

Tuesday, Oct. 12

THE PRICE OF PEACE

Prof. David Dewitt, director of the Centre for International Strategic Studies at York University, will speak on The Price of Peace: An Assessment of the Israel-PLO Accord at 8 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple.

TORONTO JEWISH FREE LOAN

Toronto Jewish Free Loan Cassa annual meeting takes place 6:30 p.m., Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., Room 421. Guest speaker **Alan Shefman**, director of communications and education for the Ontario Human Rights Commission, will speak on Hatred on the Doorstep: Facts, Tools and Strategies. Dinner is $10. RSVP by calling **Helen Kastner**, 635-1217.

MEDICAL PROFESSION AND WOMEN

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood presents Has the Medical Profession Failed Women? featuring **Dr. Reva Moscarello**, a psychiatrist at Women's College Hospital. Time is 8 p.m. in the Sisterhood Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Wednesday, Oct. 13

KUNI LEMEL IN TEL AVIV

Overbrook Cultural Club is presenting a video of *Kuni Lemel in Tel Aviv* starring **Mike Burstyn** at 2 p.m. at the Lodzer Centre, 12 Heaton St. (Bathurst-Sheppard). Members free, nonmembers $2. For further information, call **Millie Herzog**, 221-7207.

JEWISH VEGETARIANS PROGRAM

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NCJW MEETING

National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section, presents **Angie Strauss**, renowned watercolor artist, fashion designer and business entrepreneur in a lecture entitled Life is What Happens to You When You're Busy Making Other Plans, at 8:30 p.m. at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. Everyone is welcome. Charge is $5 per person. For further information, call 633-5100.

Thursday, Oct. 14

ISSUES AND INSIGHTS

The second in the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University's six-lecture series, Issues and Insights, will focus on The Dissolution of the Soviet Union: Its Impact on the Middle East with **Prof. Shlomo Avineri**. Lecture begins at 7:45 p.m. sharp at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. For ticket information, call 485-8000.

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The Toronto chapter of the Dysautonomia Foundation Inc.'s annual fundraising tea takes place from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the home of **Gitta and Samuel Ganz**. All proceeds go to medical research into familial dysautonomia, also known as Riley-Day Syndrome, a rare genetic disease which primarily affects children of Jewish Ashkenazi ancestry. For further information, call 256-3197.

JEWISH RESPONSE TO AIDS & HIV

Jewish Student Federation at York University is holding a symposium and panel discussion entitled The Jewish Response to AIDS and HIV: A Community in Action/A Community's Inaction, at 5:45 p.m. in the JSF office, Room 442 in the Student Centre. Topics include Living with HIV and AIDS; Jewish Women, HIV and AIDS; and a spectrum of responses from the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform movements. For information, contact **Claire** or **Mitchel** at 736-5178.

CHAI SHALOM

Chai Shalom, a newly-formed dynamic group of 55 plus of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, invites you to join in an evening of Chinese cuisine and culture that includes full-course Chinese buffet; filmmaker **Karen Shopsowitz** presenting the film *A Place to Save Your Life*, a story of the Jews of Shanghai; and travel agent **Myrna Lass**, who will discuss how to travel to China economically. It's at 6:30 p.m. at the synagogue. Tickets are $10 per person and are available at synagogue office (no tickets sold at-door). Membership cost is $10 a year (evening is extended to Chai Shalom members only). For information, call **Paul Sheffield**, 445-8153; **Willie Silverberg**, 633-4748; **Marlene White**, 881-8787 (evenings); or synagogue office, 633-3838.

And What Else Is New...

TRIBUTE TO AARON NUSSBAUM

The Association of Administrators and Principals of Jewish Schools in Greater Toronto is holding a special tribute melava malka in honor of esteemed colleague **Aaron Nussbaum** upon his upcoming retirement as director of education of United Synagogue Day Schools. The event takes place at the Ramada Hotel Fallsview in Niagara Falls, Ont., Saturday, Oct. 30, 9:30 p.m. RSVP to **Arthur Tannenbaum**, 789-7471, by Oct. 21.

NCSY SHABBATONS

NCSY (National Conference of Synagogue Youth) is planning a senior regional Shabbaton for Grades 9-13, Friday, Oct. 15 to Sunday, Oct. 17, at Camp Reena Resort in Orangeville, Ont. Cost is $99 for members, $110 for non-members and includes transportation. Students from across Ontario and Quebec are invited.

The junior NCSY regional Shabbaton takes place Oct. 29- Oct. 31 at BAYT Congregation, 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill. Cost is $55 for members, $65 for non-members. Students in Grades 6-8 are invited.

For details on both Shabbatons, call 782-4426.

CHABAD OF MARKHAM

Chabad Lubavitch of Markham update:

JEWEL Ladies Club meets Thursday, Oct. 14, when guest speaker **Chana Weisberg** will discuss Love, Sex and Marriage: Sanctifying the Sensual. Time is 8:30 p.m. at the shul, 55 Guardsman Rd., Thornhill.

Couples Club, a group for couples (and singles), meets every Tuesday evening at different homes in the community. Topics will focus on all areas of interest in Jewish life including The Jewish View on Abortion; Is Peace in Israel a Dream or a Reality?; What Does the Torah Think About Dr. Kevorkian?

Kabbalah course begins Wednesday, Oct. 20. Topics to be announced.

News about programs for children and youth will be included in next week's column.

For information on all programming, call 886-0420.

YIDDISH CLASSES

Learn and/or improve your Yiddish through conversation, culture, literature and song at the Yiddish classes offered by the Committee for Yiddish, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

Registration and first classes at North York locations (courses are seven weeks and fee is $38.50, seniors free):

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, 55 Yeomans Rd., Thursday, Oct. 14, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, 100 Elder St., Yiddish 2 and 3, Monday, Oct. 18, and Yiddish 1, Wednesday, Oct. 20, both 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Bialik Hebrew Day School, 12 Viewmount Ave., Monday, Oct. 18, 8-10 p.m.

Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, 470 Glencairn Ave., Sunday, Oct. 17, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave., Wednesday, Oct. 13, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Toronto location is Jarvis Collegiate, 495 Jarvis St., Wednesday, Oct. 13, 6-8 p.m. (this course is 10 weeks, fee $45, seniors free).

For information on all courses, call **Sylvia Lustgarten**, Committee for Yiddish, 635-2883, ext. 155.

THE SOUL AND THE AFTERLIFE

Aish HaTorah Thornhill kicks off its fall programs with **Rabbi Nechemia Coopersmith's** presentation of The Soul and the Afterlife, a two-part public lecture series exploring the Jewish view of the soul, death and its impact on life, Thursdays, Oct. 14 and 21, 8 p.m. at the new Aish HaTorah Centre, Suite 303 in the Promenade Mall. For fees and more information, call **Bev**, 636-7530.

SHABBAT STUDY LUNCHEON

At the Beth Tzedec Shabbat Study Luncheon, Saturday, Oct. 16, **Patricia Rucker**, editor of *The Canadian Jewish News* will speak on Communal Issues in the Federal Election. Reserve no later than Wednesday, Oct. 13, by calling the synagogue office, 781-3511.

JEWISH EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

A unique experience awaits you at the fifth annual Jewish Experience Weekend planned by B'nai Brith Women of Canada. It is a weekend for a community of women to experience the beauty of Shabbat, to study together, to question together and to confront the challenges of the future together.

It all takes place Oct. 15-17 in Gananoque, Ont. Scholar-in-Residence **Hanna Eliashiv** will bring her knowledge and humor to registrants. The weekend is affordable to all. Space is limited. For registration information, call 630-9313.

CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW

You've invested your time and energy to learn to speak Hebrew but you haven't had enough opportunity to practice your skills. The solution is an intermediate conversational Hebrew class led by **Yael Lev** where you can improve your conversational skills through discussions, Israeli music and newspaper articles. People of all ages are welcome. The 10-session fall course offered by Israel Youth Program Centre starts Thursday, Oct. 14. Cost is $130. Space is limited, so sign up now. The number is 398-6931.

MEDICAL ETHICS

Lifestyle Retirement Communities, Forest Hill Place, 645 Castlefield Ave., is featuring **Selma Sage**, community educator of Bible, Jewish history and women's issues, in a three-lecture series on Medical Ethics: Medical Advancements vs. Moral Development. The dates are Thursday, Oct. 14, 21 and 28 at 2 p.m. Admission is free but seating is limited. To reserve, contact **Marlene White**, 785-1511.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE BOOK SALE

Browse through thousands of new and used books at bargain prices at University College's annual book sale on University of Toronto campus. Sale runs Oct. 16-20 and includes books on every topic under the sun. Rare books make unique Chanukah gifts. All money raised supports the UC Library. For detailed times and campus directions, call UC Alumni office, 978-2968.

YIDDISH CLASSES VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to help in Yiddish Sunday morning classes for kindergarten, primary and senior primary grades. This is a stimulating experience in working with young children in a creative environment. Supervision and consultation are available. Also, a possibility of employment as teaching assistant. For information, call **Sylvia Lustgarten**, Committee for Yiddish, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, 635-2883.

PROFESSIONALIZE YOURSELF

Are you communicating effectively? Gain self-confidence and presentation skills through Professionalize Yourself, a course offered by the Leah Posluns Theatre School. Course uses acting techniques to improve communication skills. Interviews are now being booked for Monday, Oct. 18. Fall course begins Oct. 25. Classes are held Mondays, 7-10 p.m. Call 636-2720.

SERIES FOR COUPLES

The Holocaust Remembrance Committee and Jewish Family & Child Services are offering a six-week series for couples where one partner is the child of a survivor. Discuss the common concerns and unique challenges this partnership presents. Topics will include parenting styles, relationships with parents, children, in-laws, and improving communication. Call **Pnina Spetgang**, 635-2883, or **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, ext. 215, for details. Series begins Oct. 13.

COALITION OF GAYS, LESBIANS

The Coalition of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Students is running a weekly peer support group with a social worker. For more information, call **Claire** or Mitchel, 736-5179.

TAKE A SPLASH WITH AYJA

Take a splash with AYJA (Association of Young Jewish Adults) at the sunny Jack Tar Village in Puerto Plata Dec. 4 for one or two weeks, from $799 (taxes excluded). Call **Kim** at 886-0873 for information and payment deadline.

STRIKE OUT AGAINST LEUKEMIA!

Leukemia Research Fund's annual Bowlathon will be held Sunday, Oct. 31, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Playtime Bowl, 33 Samor Rd. (10 pin only). League play (five to 10 pin) may take place at any location during the week of Oct. 31. Sponsor sheets are available at the LRF office. For information, call 638-8522.

BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS

Neil Simon's *Brighton Beach Memoirs* goes on stage at the Leah Posluns Theatre Oct. 14 through Nov. 7. This comedy is an autobiographical play of the writer growing up in Brooklyn circa 1937. Play is directed by **Reva Stern**. Box office number is 630-6752.

HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS, CHILDREN

The ongoing group for survivors and children of survivors of the Holocaust meets Thursday mornings, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. Purpose of the group is to explore the emotional impact the Holocaust has had on people's lives. Leader is **Doris Strub Epstein**. Call 630-0164.

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What's New

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JF&CS GROUPS

Groups starting this month at Jewish Family & Child Services are Life Skills Group (begins Oct. 19); Widows/Widowers (begins Oct. 21); Parenting the Young Child (begins Oct. 13). For more information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

SLOGAN AND LOGO CONTEST

North York wants crazy and creative people to enter its contest for a slogan and logo to promote the city's new smoking bylaw. One great idea could win you a $1,000 shopping spree at Yorkdale Shopping Centre or other great prizes. The slogan and logo should talk about clean indoor air, keeping streets free of cigarette butts or setting a good example for kids by not smoking.

Entries must be in by Oct. 22. Entrants must live, work or study in North York. Entry forms are available at North York City Hall or Yorkdale's customer service desk. **Mayor Mel Lastman** will announce the winner Oct. 28 at 2 p.m. at Yorkdale Shopping Centre. Call 395-7602 for entry forms and details.

BEACH HEBREW INSTITUTE

The Beach Hebrew Institute, a progressive Conservative synagogue serving the needs of the Beaches and downtown communities, welcomes everyone to Shabbat morning services every Saturday. Synagogue is located at 109 Kenilworth Ave. (south of Queen, two blocks east of Woodbine). For further information about times and other programs, call 694-7942.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Please note these volunteer opportunities offered through the Volunteer Centre of North York. For information, call 481-6194.

Jewish Vocational Service urgently needs volunteers for approximately three to 15 hours per week to assist seniors and/or people with developmental handicaps. Orientation is provided by the agency. People who are positive and friendly will assist clients during coffee break, lunch and during activities in a sheltered workshop in the Bathurst/Wilson area.

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind needs volunteers with excellent English and accuracy to follow print as proofreader reads aloud from braille text. This position is available a minimum of one hour a week in the Bayview/Eglinton area.

MENOPAUSE: END & BEGINNING

Menopause: End and Beginning, a six-week series presented by North York public health nurses, will be held Tuesdays, starting Oct. 12, 7:30-9 p.m. at Oriole Community Centre, 2975 Don Mills Rd. Come learn about physical and emotional adjustments, hormone replacement therapy, sexual health, fitness and nutrition. Call 395-7780 to register.

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

Join the Vaughan Public Libraries Reading Web, Oct. 1 to Oct. 31. Parents/caregivers and preschool children are invited to "Get Entangled with Reading" through a program designed to encourage reading between parents and preschool children. For more information, call or visit any branch of Vaughan Public Libraries.

Forest Hill Library, 700 Eglinton Ave. W., features Thursday afternoon films/activities, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Admission is free. Call the library , 393-7706, for more information.

for seniors

The next luncheon meeting of the **LZA Seniors Club** is Wednesday, Oct. 13, 11:30 a.m., at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Registration for the Miami trip will be held at 10 a.m. Phone **Libby**, 782-2059, for information. Discussion Group meets Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and Ladies Dance Group gets together Tuesday afternoons at 1 p.m. at the Centre.

The Aging Network kicks off its sixth year on CIUT-FM 89.5. The program covers many issues in the field of aging. An added segment is Nostalgia With **David Weiss**, featuring pieces from Broadway shows and Hollywood musicals of the past. In addition, Tales from Tin Pan Ally with **Murray Kash** explores the stories behind popular songs. Be sure to tune in every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to noon.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club upcoming events: Annual bazaar Sunday, Oct. 10, 1-4 p.m.; Sunday dance with live band Oct. 10, 7:30-10:30 p.m. (members $4, non-members $5); the movie *Yentl* Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2 p.m. (members free, non-members $1); Buffalo trip Thursday, Oct. 14 ($20); general election meeting Monday, Oct. 18, 1-4 p.m.; Atlantic City trip Nov. 1-3; day trip to Phantom Hosiery and Canada Cup Factory Nov. 15 ($5); plus all ongong programs. Call club office, 395-7881, for information.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club is presenting music appreciation with **Mildred Bennet** Thursday, Oct. 14, 10 a.m. to noon. Later that afternoon is a day trip to Billy Bee Honey Factory where a film will be shown at 1:15 p.m. Ongoing programs are in full swing. For information on all activities, call **Lena**, 785-5773, or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfiled**, 787-1526.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building) On Oct. 6 an Israeli movie will be screened and on Oct. 13 there's bingo. For information, call 783-9453 or 635-5604.

At the **Wagman Centre** bingo is scheduled Sunday, Oct. 10, 1:30-3 p.m.. On Tuesday, Oct. 12, **Honey Novick** presents a program of classical Yiddish folk music, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone number is 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre health lecture series presents *Changing Perceptions*, a video in which teens and seniors explore issues such as the generation gap, family, self-esteem, and the aging process. The date is Thursday, Oct. 14, at 1:30 p.m. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

The Friendship Circle, for people 55 and over and single, invites members to come and celebrate its eighth anniversary Thursday, Oct. 21 with dinner and entertainment at the Centre. Charge is $8. Reservations can be made at the Information Desk. Deadline is Oct. 14. For further information, call **Anna**, 225-2112.

Fall Color Tour to Niagara Falls, Thursday, Oct. 14, includes a drive along Niagara Parkway, the Welland Murals, the Falls, and time to browse through Niagara-on-the-Lake. Price is $27 (transportation included). Bring or buy your own lunch. Tour departs 9 a.m. from the Centre. Call **Shari**, 225-2112, for information.

Working Together, a psycho-educational support group for women over the age of 55 who are or have been victims of wife abuse, will meet for eight sessions on Wednesdays, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Oct. 13-Dec. 1. The fee of $10 includes refreshments. A confidential interview will be arranged with the group leader, a social worker from Jewish Family & Child Service. For further information, call **Sheila Zane**, 225-2112.

A Simchat Torah Luncheon with the Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band is set for Wednesday, Oct. 13, at noon. Tickets are $7 members, $10 non-members. Concert only, $3 (1:30 p.m.). Tickets available at information desk.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew-speaking older adults, is celebrating its fourth anniversary Wednesday, Oct. 13, with a dinner and dance with **Boris Neiman** and others. Tickets are $16 members, $18 non-members. For more information, call **Anna**, 225-2112.

The movie *Moonstruck* will be screened Sunday, Oct. 10, 2:30 p.m. Members free, non-members $1.

About People

SHAARE ZEDEK ASSOCIATES

Michael Kerzner has been selected chair of the Toronto Association Group of The Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation. **Dov Altman** is co-chair.

Michael Kerzner

The group's membership consists of young men and women working together on behalf of Pediatric Services at Shaare Zekek Medical Center in Jerusalem. Having recently concluded their third annual golf tournament, they are now planning a series of additional events, including a 1994 golf tournament. For membership information, call **Sheila Dropkin** at 781-3584.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

An added note regarding the appointment of **Melville Olsberg's** appointment as justice of the peace (item appeared in *The CJN*, Sept. 9). Apparently being a justice of the peace is a family tradition. Olsberg's grandfather Maurice was justice of the peace for Glasgow and Melville's three cousins are also justices of the peace, one in Belfast, one in London (England) and one in Glasgow. As Olsberg explains, "I always tried to follow in Grandpa's footsteps. I was the oldest grandson."

at the JCC

Programs starting this month at the Jewish Community Centre North Y branch: Current Events, Thursday, Oct. 14, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Folkdancing, Wednesday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m. to noon; Hebrew II (for those with basic conversational skills), Friday, Oct. 15, 10:30 a.m. to noon; Hebrew III (for the intermediate student with more language skills), Monday, Oct. 18, 1:30-3 p.m.; Line Dancing (in co-operation with North York Board of Education, free for seniors), Friday, Oct. 15, 1-3 p.m. Register now at Front Desk. For more information, call **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

The Tuesday luncheon and entertainment on Oct. 19 features a professional Russian folkdance group. For information, call **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

BBYO (B'nai Brith Youth Organization) is starting a chapter at the JCC Bloor Y branch. Interested teens should contact **Luni**, 924-6211.

Scouts are meeting Mondays, 4:30-6 p.m. at the Bloor Y. Two age groups: Beavers for 5-7 years and Wolves for 8-10 years. It is open to boys and girls. To register and for more information, call **Luni**, 924-6211.

SUPER SUNDAY

Super Sunday Challenge co-chairs Debbie Godfrey and Alan Winer man the phones along with 500 volunteers for UJA's recent telethon. [Jay Brodbar photo]

CRAFT AND GIFT SHOW

More than 100 craftspeople from all over Southern Ontario will be participating in the Beersheba Club, Na'amat Canada's eighth annual craft and gift show, Monday, Oct. 11, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Bayview Village Mall, Bayview and Sheppard. Among the hundreds of exciting offerings is the purple dinosaur seen above with Stacey and Tai Neumin. Proceeds go to child care and education. Admission is free. For further information, contact Ruth Jacobson, 764-8401 (evenings) or 636-5425 (days).

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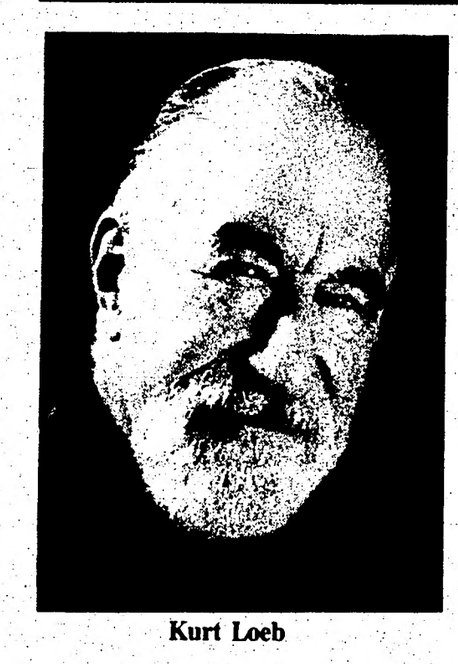

Kurt Loeb

ELECTION WATCH '93

John Beck

Campbell's record bothers Ellis

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Ellis disagrees with Tsiolis on the impact of a minority government in Canada. Ellis favors a minority government. "It may not be as effective, but it will make them more accountable and will bring forth the real issues."

Ellis also noted that minority governments don't usually last long, and that elections are "tremendously costly." He foresees an election within 18 months if a minority government is elected.

Quebec's "alienation of the rest of Canada" has angered Ellis. "We don't want to lose Quebec, but we don't want them to dictate to the rest of Canada. Multiculturalism and equality have to extend into languages as well."

Ellis favors increased access to immigration as well as a "streamlined" immigration process to eliminate lengthy waits for immigration hearings. "People from war-torn countries should be rushed through the system."

Ellis favors encouraging development in rural areas, so that people will be happy to move away from large cities.

He is bothered by Prime Minister Kim Campbell's record on pursuit of Nazi war criminals. "Her past actions [as justice minister] are in complete contradiction to what she says she wants to do in the future."

He believes Holocaust denial is "a big problem" and says, "There's something fundamentally wrong with the system if [Ernst] Zundel continues to exist."

Ellis would like to see more joint multicultural programs, and believes that government funding should be provided for them.

"I am not a sacrifical candidate," said Ellis when asked about his relatively late nomination on Sept. 20.

"I'm young. I care very much about the future," he said.

He criticized Eggleton for his support of MVA (market value assessment) during his tenure as Toronto mayor, which, Ellis said, "raised taxes in this area about $1,000 a household.

"People have this attitude about the NDP because of the provincial situation. I think [Ontario premier Bob] Rae did what he had to do. I support the social contract. He inherited a mess left, by the way, from the Liberal government," said Ellis.

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Kurt Loeb, 71, vice-chair of the National Party's Toronto chapter, is running as the party's York Centre candidate.

Born in Frankfurt to a secular Jewish family, Loeb immigrated alone to Toronto at age 15. He served in the Canadian Armed Forces during World War II.

In 1984, he received a PhD in history from the University of Toronto after years of part-time study. He still works part-time at the drapery business which he began in 1966.

Loeb would like to correct what he says is a misconception of the National Party. "People think we're anti-American. I don't think Canadians want to be American. There is a takeover of the Canadian economy. No country has the kind of foreign ownership we have. An economic takeover eventually leads to political takeover, and that's one thing we certainly oppose."

The other side of the coin is stopping the flow of money out of Canada, which is one of party leader Mel Hurtig's "big issues," Loeb said. "Investing in Canada would create jobs."

Loeb would like to see Canada take a more independent position regarding Middle East issues. "If Canada has a fairly independent role, we could certainly play a major role as a neutral go-between." He is firmly opposed to Canadian arms sales.

Loeb views most issues in light of the economy and unemployment. "Everything comes back to the economy. It sounds simplistic, but it's true."

• On racial hatred: "You'd be surprised how much of the hatred would go away if the economy improves. If people are not eating, they turn to right wing solutions." Loeb would ignore Ernst Zundel, he said. "It won't stand up in court, and it gives him publicity."

• Multiculturalism: "[Financial support] should come from each community. I don't like when the government has a specific department. [However] we take a strong stand in support of the arts. The arts community invites a tremendous amount of money flow and jobs."

Loeb prefers to focus on concerns of "Canadians per se" rather than on those of special interest groups.

He is "all in favor" of pursuing Nazi war criminals and wouldn't set a deadline for completion. "This was an act well beyond anything that was done in history.

"Mel always says all Canadians should be treated equally," Loeb said. "I would love people to get along a little better."

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John Beck, 37, is a Reform party candidate who derives much of his thinking from his study of the New Testament over the past five years, through a television station (Total Christian Television) which he says is banned by the CRTC.

Beck left school at age 13 to work in the taxi industry. He made news last year when he filed a $30 million suit against the Metro Licensing Commission which he says has denied him the right to work. He's been charged more than 100 times for operating a taxi brokerage without a licence, and has challenged and won at least 60 cases.

Beck, who was quoted in *The Financial Post Magazine* as saying, "I feel it's time that some white Anglo-Saxon Protestants get involved," feels that as an English speaker, he feels he is in a minority in Toronto. He thinks the current situation regarding minority language rights "is fine."

Beck feels that reports of racial hatred are, for the most part, "made up" by the media. As a longtime taxi driver, he says, he has "never seen this problem."

He feels hatemongers ("I believe the odd one exists") should "definitely be ignored."

"My views are different than most people in the Reform party," Beck said.

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Also running for office in York Centre are: Randy Armour, Abolitionist; Linda Dube, Natural Law; Diane Johnston, Marxist-Leninist; Alan Jones, Green Party; Peter Li Preti, Independent; and Douglas Quinn, Libertarian.

SINGLES EVENTS

Singles events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. **Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m. , 10 days preceding issue date.** For rates or to place an ad, please call Joe at 422-2528.

The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

...Metro Toronto Singles presents our fourth annual big chill party Sunday **Oct. 10 7 p.m.** at the **Berlin** nightclub 2335 Yonge St. (north of Eglinton) featuring hits of the 60s,70s,80s &90s. **No work the next day!** Free bottle of wine for the 500th person. Cover $12. For info. 222-7111.

House Party Sunday Oct. 10. 7:30 p.m. Snacks, refreshments, coffee, music. $10. Sonia 445-8027.

Social Encounters (45-64) presents an informative lecture and brunch with Doctor Felicia Carmelly on "How to say hello" at Beth Sholom Synagogue Sunday Oct.31 at 11:30 a.m.. $15 pre-paid only by Thursday Oct. 28. Call Andy 783 6103 or Mary 781 5922.

VIEWPOINTS, a social group for single men/women, meets **Tuesday, October 12.** Beth Tzedec, 1700 Bathurst. Speaker **Sonny Goldstein, financial consultant and entrepreneur.** Topic: Money--How to Manage It, How To Make It Grow. All ages welcome. $5.00. Refreshments. 7:30 p.m. Evelyn-781-9245.

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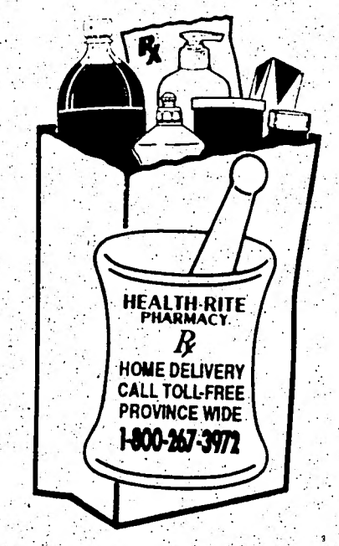

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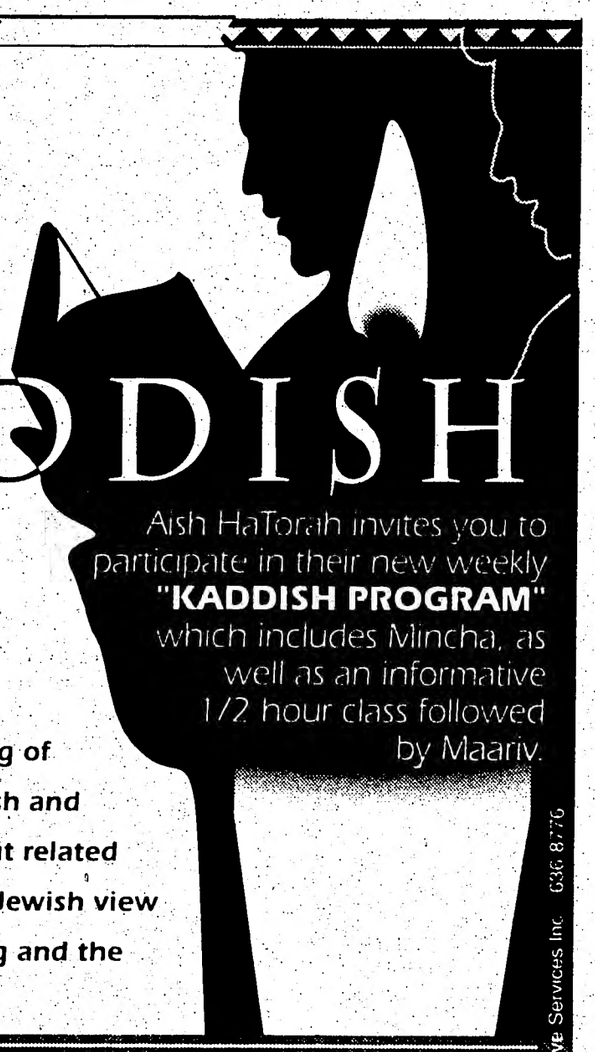

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Anti-racism secretariat aims to boost racial tolerance

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Despite the passage of time, May 4, 1992 remains a red-letter day for Anne-Marie Stewart.

That was the day that Stewart assumed her new position as assistant deputy minister in charge of the Ontario Anti-Racism Secretariat, catapulting her into the midst of the emotionally-charged world of race relations.

It was also the day residents of Toronto had their notions about racial harmony dashed by disturbances on Yonge Street as young people, reacting to the not-guilty verdict in the Rodney King police-beating case, went on a rampage.

Before that day, "people walked around Toronto and the province and said, 'that kind of thing can't happen here.' It jolted everybody," she said.

In addition to leading to the appointment of former UN ambassador Stephen Lewis to report on the disturbances, the rampage also put pressure on the secretariat to "fix things" right away, Stewart said.

But "we didn't get this way overnight," she pointed out.

Ontario and the rest of Canada has a history of discrimination, as witnessed by the country's exclusionary policy against Jewish refugees fleeing the Nazis, she said.

For a great many people, multiculturalism policy has been perceived as merely promoting people's foods and folkdances without getting at the root causes of racism, she said.

Stewart, who served as a superintendant with the Toronto Board of Education prior to her current posting, said the secretariat's vision for Ontario is to build a province where everyone's racial and religious heritage is valued. The secretariat will attempt to do so by giving individuals and groups the wherewithal to confront racism, hate propaganda and anti-Semitism.

While pointing to the creation of the secretariat as evidencing the provincial government's commitment to anti-racist policies, she admitted that her department and the attorney general's office do not see eye to eye on a key issue — government's response to racist activities.

"We would like to see prosecutions [under Canada's anti-hate laws]," she said, "but because our mandate is education and working with groups to combat racism, we hope there will be enough pressure on the ministry for it to carry out its mandate [to prosecute hatemongers]."

Stewart confirmed that she had approached the attorney general to urge criminal prosecutions, "but it's their mandate to do it within their own time."

Malka Rosenberg, an anti-racism consultant to the secretariat, said the department has a role to play in combating racism by helping student bodies organize in a non-violent way. Rosenberg said she often addresses high schools and universities on anti-racist activities and how to report racist incidents to law enforcement officials. The secretariat also assisted Temple Har Zion develop an anti-racism workshop that's scheduled for Oct. 24, she added.

Combat racism

Stewart said the ministry co-operates with municipalities' race relations committees to combat racism at the grassroots level. It also works with various communities, such as the Chinese, black, and various Asian groups, to try to bring them together to create coalitions. A recent conference which saw the participation of Korean, Chinese and Japanese young people, who were addressed on the nature and cause of stereotyping, "was quite exhilirating," she said.

The secretariat also runs a youth placement program in which 18 young people log four days a week in anti-racist work with community groups and one day a week at the secretariat, where they exchange information about each other's communities. The intent is to create a cadre of well-connected young people who may one day assume leadership positions in the community and be involved in anti-racist activities, she said.

When asked what role the secretariat is playing in the *Show Boat* controversy, Stewart said she has been approached by black leaders to denounce the play and by Jews to denounce some black leaders who are inflaming passions with anti-Jewish comments.

So far, the secretariat has done neither, since "we're an educational ministry, not in the business of denouncing," Stewart said.

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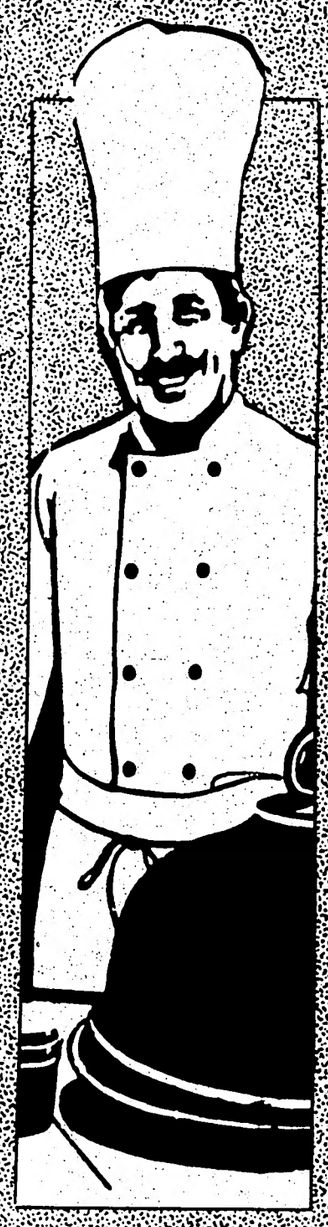

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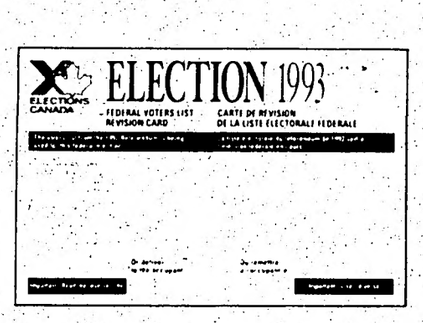

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You will not receive a card if you were not registered last fall, if you have moved, or have turned 18, or have become a Canadian citizen since October 1992. If this is the case, you need to get your name added to the voters list. Call the Elections Canada office in your riding, or call our toll-free number below for more information.

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The Advance Polls will be open from noon to 8 p.m., **Saturday, October 16, Monday, October 18, and Tuesday, October 19** at the address shown on your Revision Card.

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He says that because most products are open stock, customers can mix and match according to their preference without being limited to packaged sets. "Our experienced staff is always available to help co-ordinate colors and choose whatever is necessary to complete the look. There are 14 beds in the store, so customers can lay the sheets out in order to really get a good idea of what they're looking at. A large in-stock selection makes it easy for those looking for several sets of identical sheets."

Those looking for window coverings will be happy to note that Bath N' Bedtime can custom make a full line of draperies, including verticals and venetians. "Again, our staff is always available for consultation so customers need not feel they are making a big decision on their own," says Minarsky.

Moving into the bathroom, Bath N' Bedtime carries a full range of towels, including Fieldcrest Royal Velvet, a top-of-the-line towel with matching bathmats available in 24 different colors. Accessories such as toothbrush holders, tumblers, lotion dispensers, wastebaskets and tissue covers are availble in a wide range of colors. Shower curtains in vinyl or fabric with matching bath accessories and towels complete the room.

Minarsky is pleased to note that the store guarantees lowest prices, and it will match or beat prices as long as they can be confirmed. Bath N' Bedtime also has a full refund policy. If customers discover their purchases do not fit into their decorating schemes when they get home, they can return them with a receipt. This full refund policy allows customers to shop with confidence.

Frankel's Furniture offers deep discounts

High quality furniture at discount prices is what keeps customers coming back to Frankel's Furniture at 90 Doncaster Ave. in Thornhill.

The store is owned by Peter and Rachelle Frankel, a family that has been associated with the furniture business for four generations. Peter's father, a cabinetmaker by trade, came to Canada from Europe in 1947 to open a store on St. Lawrence Boulevard in Montreal. Peter expanded the business to Toronto in 1977 with a storefront on Bathurst and four years ago Frankel's moved to these new larger premises.

Peter attributes the discount prices to his low overhead. "We have a variety of samples of furniture as well as an extensive array of catalogues from many Canadian and American manufacturers. If someone is looking for a specific item we can order directly from the manufacturer. We can also arrange to have items custom-made if out customer has a specific requirement."

We can even arrange to have items custom-made if a customer does not see exactly what she likes. We have an array of catalogues from different manufacturers."

With an eclectic blend of furniture ranging from contemporary to traditional, there really is something for everyone at Frankel's. Mahogany, maple, oak and ash dining room sets, leather furniture, upholstery, iron and wood bedroom sets and shaker furniture, which is a simple, clean looking line made up of different woodstains, make up only some of Frankel's stock.

Children's furniture is also popular at Frankel's and Peter makes sure that what he carries is top quality, functional and durable. Again the selection is large with everything from bunkbeds and trundle beds to sleigh beds and hand-painted armoires and headboards. A current best-seller is the locker-room set for boys. Constructed of washed oak, it features locker-style storage and can be set up in a variety of combinations. A recent addition to the showroom is a metal-frame baseball bed featuring a bedstead of bats and balls.

Repeat customers make up a large part of Peter and Rachelle's clientele. "When I opened my first store on Bathurst, people would drop in and ask if it was the same Frankel's Furniture they had dealt with in Montreal," says Peter.

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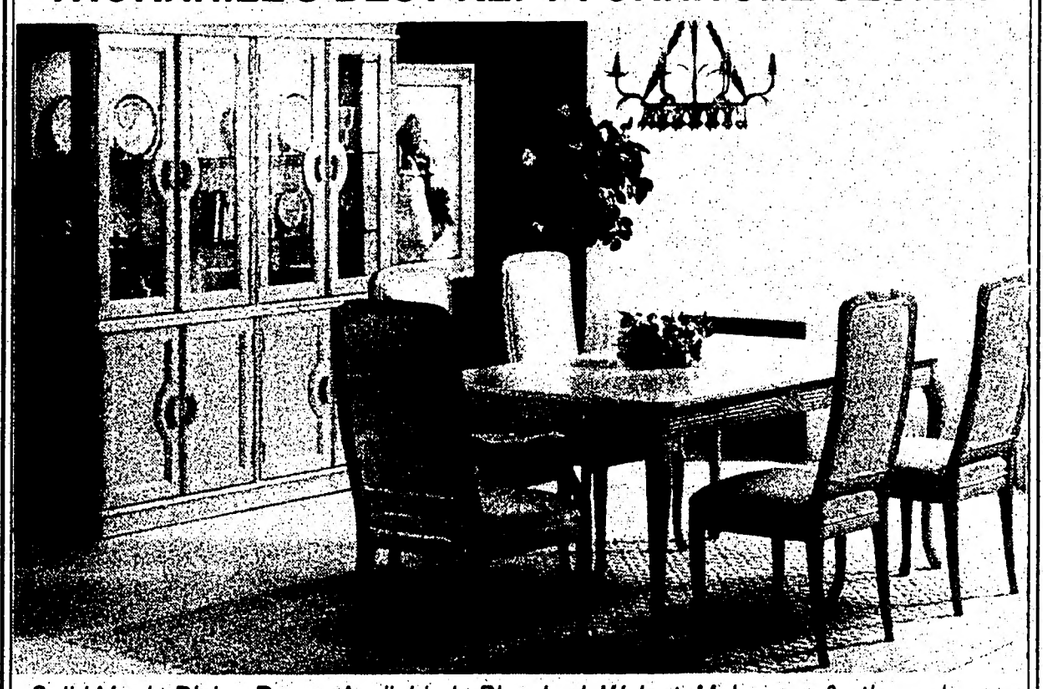

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Four-bedroom homes start at $349,900 for just under 3,000 square feet, an incredible value for this Thornhill neighborhood. Comparable houses with fewer features are sold by Kingsview's nearest competitor for about $150,000 more.

At Kingsview, there are eight different models to choose from, ran ging from 2,921 to 4,314 square feet.

These homes have been built with an array of features.

All of them have main floor office/dens and some have very spacious formal foyers and large living room/dining rooms, perfect for entertaining.

Most of the homes come with three full bathrooms on the second floor and a powder room on the main level. They all include luxurious ensuite bathrooms, some with step-up roman tubs, separate showers, his and her sinks and a makeup table.

The kitchens are large and bright, with lots of windows for natural light. There is an abundance of cupboard and counter space. Most of them come with centre aisles. Floors are of ceramic tile. Most of the kitchens also have patio doors that lead to the backyard.

The majority of Kingsview homes have an open staircase with a finished landing. A few have walk-out basements.

All homes include clean, efficient and maintenance-free gas fireplaces, upgraded casement windows and mid-efficiency furnaces complete with central air conditioning.

Kingsview Manor's convenient location is close to major transportation, schools, some of the finest shopping in the area and recreational amenities, including parks and the Thornlea Recreation Centre.

Brian Ellis, one of Kingsview Manor's sales agents, says sales activity has been tremendous since mid-September and overall the houses have been going fast. "Our sales success to date has been excellent with a third of the homes sold in just over two months.

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The president of North Star Homes, Frank Dodaro, was able to bring these homes into this prestigious Thornhill neighborhood at prices that have not been seen in the area for eight to ten years, says Ellis. Dodaro purchased the land for Kingsview Manor at a very reasonable price because of his connections in the building industry and his accountancy background.

Active in building homes in the Toronto area for over twenty years, Dodaro was one of the founding partners of Dorian Homes and one of the partners of Royal Pine Homes.

Five years ago, Dodaro went out on his own and started North Star Homes. He built new home developments in Oakville, Richmond Hill and Barrie. His latest project is Kingsview Manor in Thornhill.

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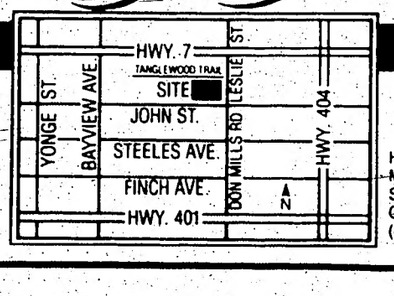

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Fine is proud of the letters he receives from purchasers, telling him how happy they were with the quality of their home and the manner in which the transaction was handled. "Purchasers buying Meadowbrook homes are assured of getting the exact home they chose. We go out of our way to accommodate the purchaser and we don't stop until they are completely satisfied."

He says that custom-built homes are a great way for purchasers to ensure that they get the exact home they want. "When buying an already built house there are usually some details that are not quite what the purchaser wanted. If they decide to build a custom-made house, however, Meadowbrook Homes will go out of its way to ensure that they get exactly what they want."

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Most lots are over 52 feet wide and some reach up to 180 feet deep. Each design includes ample room for guests, with guest rooms having a walk-in closet and en-suite bathroom.

Quality kitchens, foyers, powder rooms, laundry rooms and washrooms are laid with ceramic tile. The central circular staircases are all oak with handrails and spindles from the second floor to the basement. There will be a fireplace in the family room and a rough-in for a second fireplace in the basement.

Bathroom fixtures, either colored or white, can be selected from builders' samples. All faucets are single-lever types. The master en-suite incluees a tub, a separate shower and double sinks.

The walkout from the breakfast-garden room to the lovely ravine makes for convenient and elegant summer entertaining. The master bedroom of this four-bedroom house also overlooks the ravine. The second floor hall is spacious and open with railings looking down on the foyer below.

The second-floor guest room located at the front of the house has a large closet and four-piece en-suite bathroom with a window. Another bedroom has a walk-in closet. On this floor is a third bedroom, which again overlooks the ravine. Each home has three bathrooms upstairs.

The walk-in closet in the master suite is about twice the size of those in family bedrooms. The powder room, which has a pedestal sink, and the library open onto the main foyer, and another door leads through the laundry room to the garage.

These homes will be situated in an established residential area, surrounded by schools, shops and with GO transit at the ready.

Millwood Construction has a final phase of five new homes on Worth Boulevard, at Bathurst and Centre. These homes of quality construction will be 2,600 to 3,800 square feet. Prices start at $299,900. They feature large bedrooms and kitchens, with breakfast-garden areas. The homes on Worth Boulevard and Rockwood Crescent are also in a built-up area.

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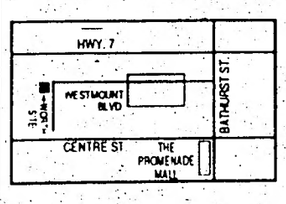

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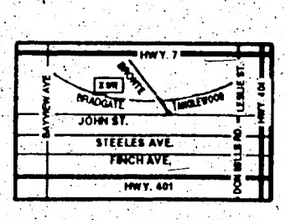

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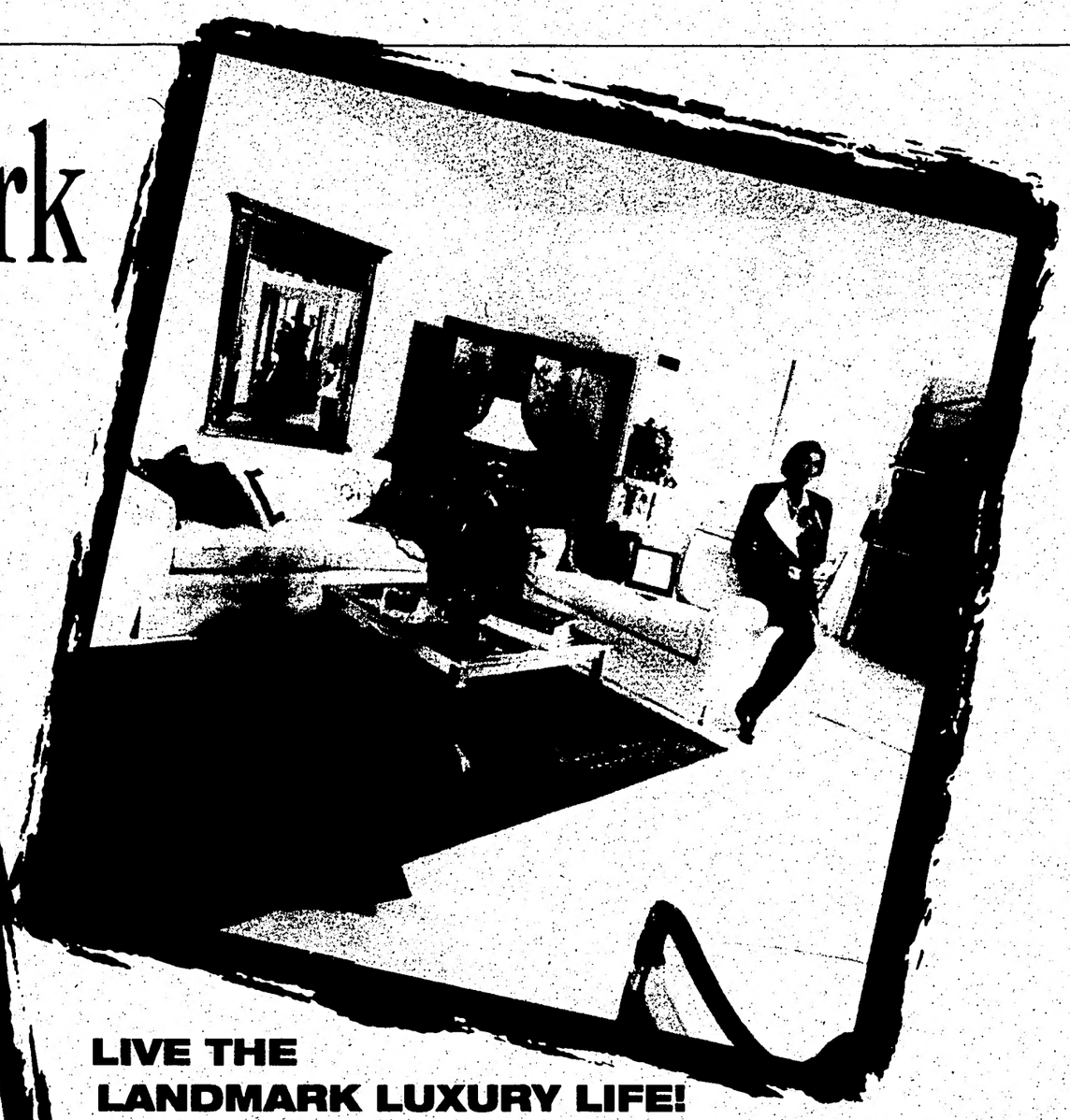

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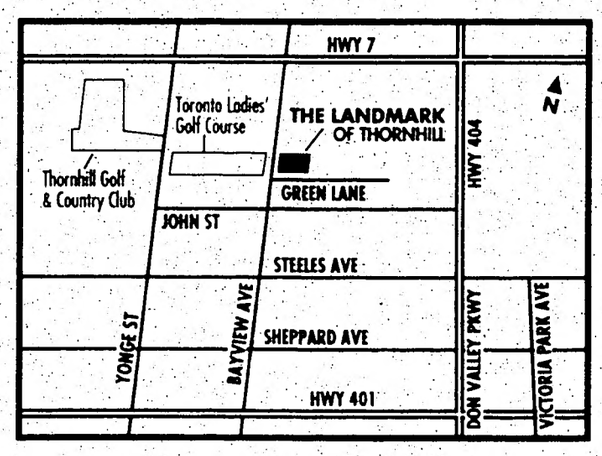

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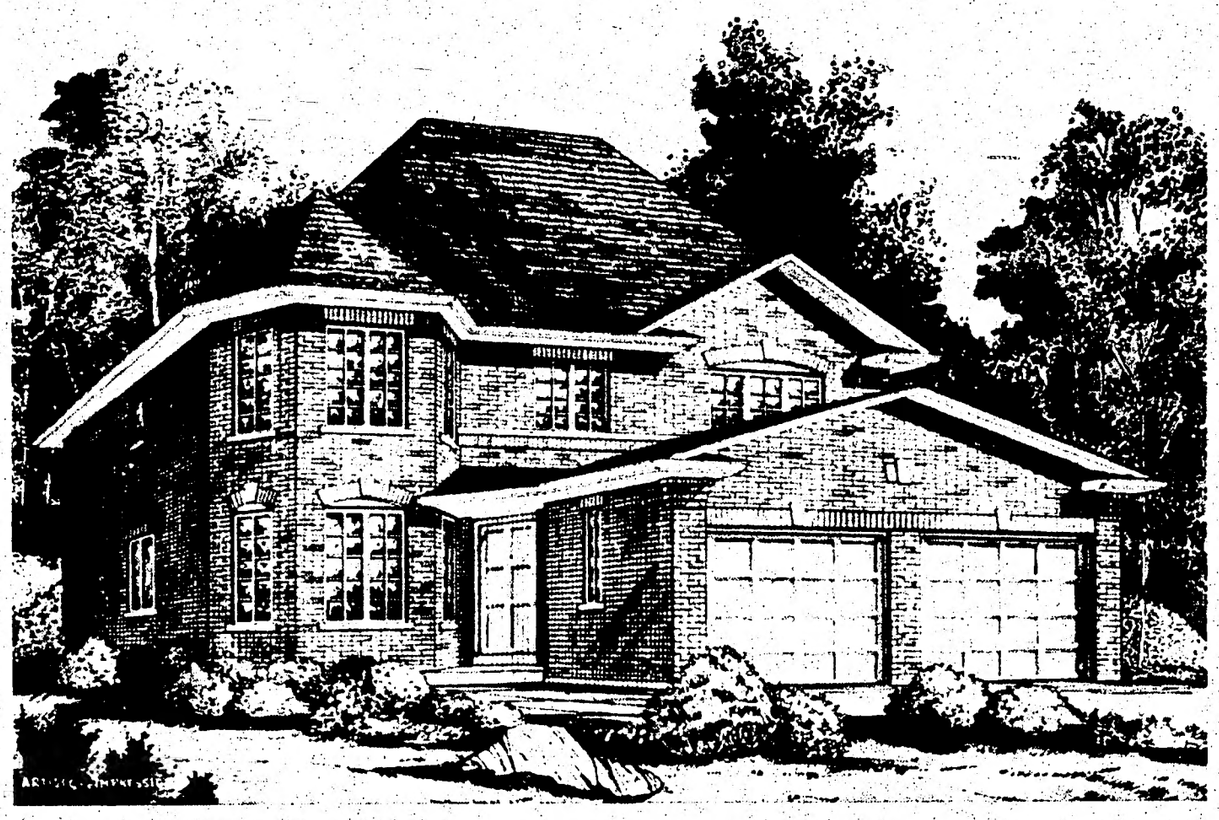

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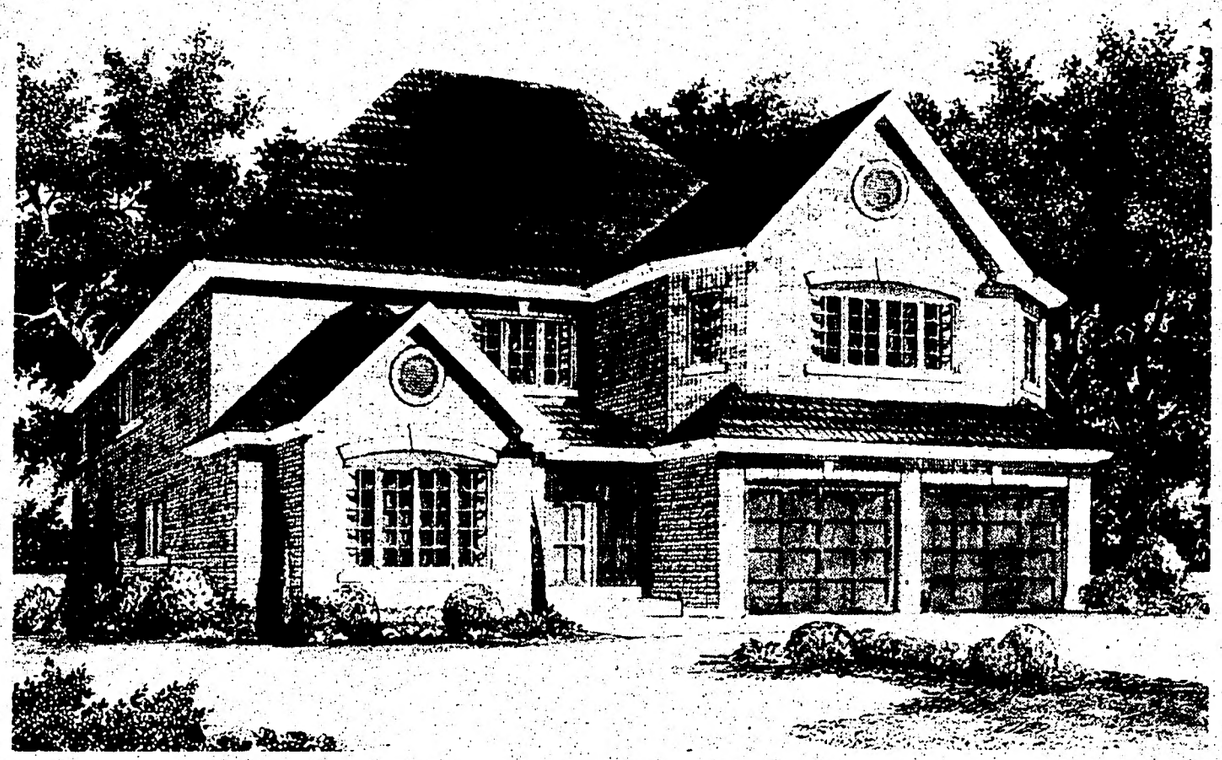

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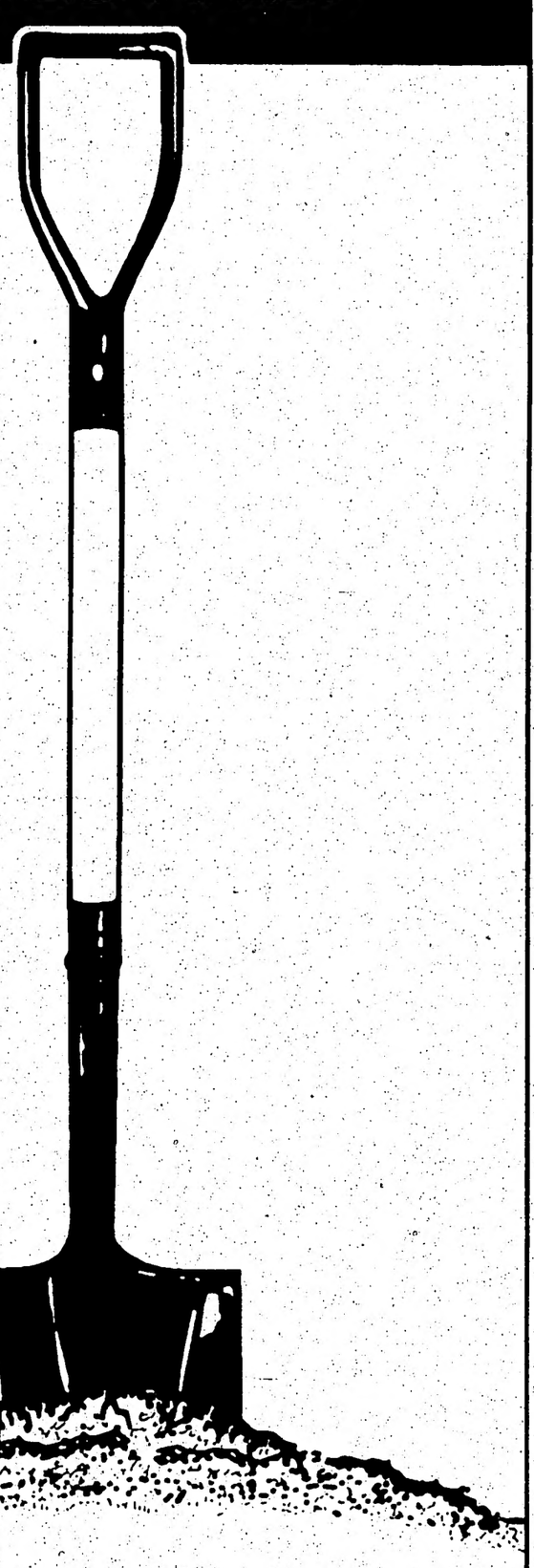

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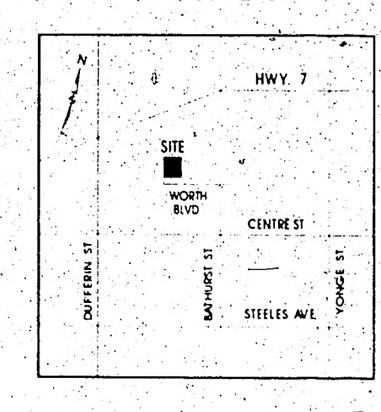

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Volpe attacks Tory policies

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"We're all immigrants to Canada. If we expect people to be successful, we must be gracious in welcoming them." She said the federal government should be generous in providing funds for schools that provide English language training for new immigrants.

The Tories are playing "a shell game" in moving departments around, but in the Metro area, fewer services for immigrants are available, she said. Immigrants should be welcomed and an adjustment strategy devised to accomodate them, she added.

Volpe criticized the Conservatives for moving immigration matters to the Ministry of Public Security. While all immigrants must undergo security checks, the move suggests immigrants are potential criminals, he said. Immigration should go back to being a junior ministry, associated with employment, he said.

Monson, nephew of Rabbi David Monson, said he believed in "open immigration" with only criminals being excluded.

Van Tuinen said Canada currently admits 250,000 immigrants each year, but studies show only 150,000 can be comfortably absorbed. "There is little point to bringing people into this country to face unemployment," the Reform candidate said.

On the issue of war crimes prosecutions, all candidates agreed that cases should be brought if the evidence warrants it.

On the Middle East, Monson said Canada should participate in peacekeeping if asked and it should use its influence on the Arabs to end their economic boycott of Israel.

Volpe said Canada should promote greater investment in the region and establish new trade links with Israel.

Van Tuinen said Canada's "means to assist [in economic development] are being strained. I'm all for trade" with both Israelis and Palestinians, he said, adding he opposed the Arab boycott of Israel.

Hepworth said that if people receive adequate food, clothing and shelter, "most communities will get along."

As to the boycott, she said "the whole human community should work together" and strategies should be developed to "bring people together."

On the issue of race relations, Van Tuinen said government should treat everyone equally, without placing labels on anyone. He said government affirmative action programs have created a backlash of racism.

Racism will not be tolerated in the Reform Party, he said. He suggested that efforts by white supremacist Wolfgang Droege of the Heritage Front to infiltrate the party was "a political trick to discredit and destroy the Reform Party in its infancy."

Volpe said the government has the resources, such as the CBC, the Communications Department and the Secretary of State, to help in the fight against racism.

As to the anti-hate law, Hepworth said she walked a "fine line" between supporting free speech and opposing hate propaganda. "The dispensing of hatemongering information and lies cannot be tolerated," she said.

Asked if the government could do more against racism, Monson said "We as Canadians should do more. . . to get rid of racism."

Okanagan Jews receive honors

By MAURICE LUCOW

KELOWNA, B.C. — Two members of the Okanagan Jewish Community were honored in a joint ceremony at the Okanagan Jewish Community Centre following the first evening service of Rosh Hashanah.

Canada 125 medals were presented to Mel Kotler and Walter Shawlee by the local MLA, Cliff Serwa.

Shawlee, founder of Northern Airborne Technology Limited, a company that makes navigation systems for helicopters, received his medal for his "contribution in bringing the focus of Kelowna to the world in a hi-tech communications dimension . . . He created a business that focused on world markets and brought distinction to Kelowna and the province of British Columbia." The company has been exporting over 80 percent of its products to international markets since 1979.

Shawlee is chairman of the newly-formed Okanagan Science Technology and Innovation Council.

Kotler was awarded his honor as an acknowledgement of his role in the creation of the Okanagan Jewish Community Centre, which opened last year. Kotler served two terms as president of the OJC and is the "perennial" fundraising chairman.

Kotler is also active in the general Kelowna community.

He is president of Fabricland (Western region). He started the Fabricland chain in Western Canada 15 years ago. There are now 41 stores in the chain, with Kelowna as head office.

Present at the ceremony were Harry and Esther Appel, Shawlee's in-laws, from California, and Saul Kotler, Mel's father, from Montreal.

The Appels donated an antique gold menorah to the OJC in honor of their granddaughter Rosanne Shawlee's bat mitzvah. The menorah is on display at the entrance of the OJC centre.

In the other OJC news, Dr. Meron Medzini, of the Jewish Agency in Israel, was a guest speaker here earlier in September, updating the community on Israeli matters and answering questions.

Music saved cantor's life

By DEBBIE LIGHTSTONE

Cantor Louis Danto

TORONTO — Cantor Louis Danto has a blown-up photograph in his study, a grainy black and white picture of about 150 children. They are standing on a sandy beach on a sunny day, in shorts, summer tops and hats, smiling shyly at the camera. The picture was taken at a summer camp in Suwalki, Poland in July, 1937. Danto, then 8-years-old, was one of those youngsters.

Two years later, Nazi Germany invaded Poland, and summer camp became another part of normal childhood never again experienced by Jewish children in Europe. Most of those 150 perished in the Holocaust. Danto was one of the few lucky ones, one of the survivors.

Sitting at his desk in his office at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, he could not take his eyes from the photo. When I commented quietly that those children, his playmates, had been killed, he did not reply. He shook his head, unable for a moment to speak, then said, "Killed . . . what we are talking about is not just killing. It is indescribable. The tragedy. . . ."

He came across the photo by chance last year, during a synagogue performance in Detroit. After the concert, a man came up to him and revealed that his mother's maiden name had also been Danto, and that she was from the same Polish town of Suwalki. The man turned out to be a long-lost second cousin who had come to America just before the war. He invited the cantor to his home and showed him the photo.

"Right away I remembered the day the picture was taken. I was speechless," Danto recalled.

The camp photo is just one of a thick stack of pictures Danto treasures, pictures that trace his 64 remarkable years.

"My whole life is amazing, an amazing story of survival. I survived because of my talent," he said.

In 1939, at the age of 10, that talent took him to a musical competition in Russia. He sang a Hebrew song, won first prize for vocal excellence, and stayed on to study music. Shortly afterwards, World War II broke out, and he was unable to return home to Poland. He never saw his parents and four brothers and sisters again.

Danto and several other gifted children were housed in a dormitory in Minsk, and he continued his musical education there. But it took a new direction.

"In Russia I couldn't study cantorial music, because religion was forbidden. So I learned the cello and studied classcial music," he explained.

After the war he returned to Poland to search for his family. He found out they had died in concentration camps. Not yet 17, he made his way, by foot, to Italy, where he studied under several renowned Italian tenors.

In 1950 an uncle brought him to America. Since his Jewish education had ended at age 11, he went on to study at the Mirr Yeshiva in Brooklyn.

Danto performed extensively throughout North America, Europe and Israel, and served as cantor in Atlantic Beach and Cleveland. He came to Toronto in 1973, and in October will celebrate his 20th anniversary as cantor of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

It was in Italy that Danto developed his trademark Bel Canto technique. (He joked that his American colleagues have dubbed him 'Danto from Toronto sings Bel Canto').

"Bel Canto means beautiful singing. I apply the classical instrumental style of singing to the liturgy. The voice must be smooth and caressing. Everybody thinks power in the voice is important, that you must bombard with your voice. But I feel the sound should come from the heart," Danto said.

His mastery of opera and lieder has led to performances at New York's Carnegie Hall, across the United States, in Vienna, London, Johannesburg, Moscow, Budapest and of course Israel.

But chazzanut (the singing of cantorial music) is his first love.

"As a little boy I was raised and soaked in the atmosphere of chazzanut, it was my parents' ambition for me. When I was 8-years-old I was a soloist at the Suwalki synagogue," he recalled.

Danto remembers the cantors and synagogue services of pre-war Europe, "the atmosphere, the emotion of seeing your father and grandfather praying with tears."

He lamented what he sees as the dying art of cantorial music.

"The Jew who appreciated the cantor is dying out. Young people are completely ignorant of the art. For generations Jews prayed with a cantor, and now there's no future, this profession is disappearing," he said.

He's aware that congregations cite a lack of funds, or that members of some synagogues don't want a cantor because they believe he prolongs the service. But to him these are poor excuses.

"The cantor beautifies the service. Without him, it's dull," he said simply.

And he has scorn for what often substitutes these days for the cantor.

"The congregation sings popular Russian or Polish or Israeli melodies and calls it chassidic music. They're bringing street music into the synagogue, music that has a different meaning, that's not proper for the synagogue, that doesn't fit into prayer.

"To be a cantor you have to understand the liturgy, to have a voice that keeps the liturgy on a high level," he said.

Although pessimistic about the future of his profession, Danto still wakes up every Shabbat looking forward to his morning in the pulpit.

"I love to sing, it comes easily to me. I always sing softly on my way to synagogue, to get my voice ready."

He is looking forward to a trip to Russia after the high holidays. He already has 18 LPs, in Russian, Italian, French and Yiddish under his belt. Now he's been invited to Moscow by the Bolshoi Chamber Orchestra, to record a CD of 18th century Italian masters and Bel Canto opera.

During the weekend of October 29th, his congregation will pay tribute to Louis Danto with an Oneg Shabbat, a gala concert and a special breakfast, featuring renowned guest cantors, choirs and the North York Symphony Orchestra.

He said his 20 years at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda have been wonderful. And although his turbulent life and his art have taken him to many of the world's capitals, he loves Toronto.

"It's a beautiful city, with so many cultural opportunities: symphonies, concerts and museums. And there are so many Hebrew schools and yeshivas. What New York City was 30 or 40 years ago, Toronto is now.

"A Jew should live in Israel," Danto concluded, "but after Israel — Toronto."

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Jewish opera singer sang for Stalin

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —A Russian Jewish opera singer, who sang for Josef Stalin at a World War II victory concert in the Kremlin in May, 1945, visited first cousins in Toronto recently.

Solomon Khromchenko, 85, lived to tell the tale, though so many of his fellow Jewish artists were executed by Stalin's orders later.

"I think Stalin knew I was Jewish. My name was on the program, though Solomon was in small print. Another Jew also sang in that concert, and it was organized by a Jew. At that time, Stalin's anti-Semitism was not in the open. He had condemned Galinov, the powerful conductor of the Bolshoi Theatre, for his anti-Semitism."

The tall, friendly and unfailingly polite Khromchenko visited two first cousins in Toronto, Rose Wolfson and Dr. Vivian Chrom, a general practitioner. Another first cousin, Sara Schacter, of Jerusalem, a sister of Wolfson and Dr. Chrom, accompanied Khromchenko on the visit.

The famed Russian singer, a star of the Bolshoi, has given up all the perks he enjoyed as a Russian icon and emigrated to Israel in 1991, leaving two sons, ages 65 and 41, behind. He also lives in Jerusalem where he gives private singing lessons and is on the staff of educational institutes there.

The way the Toronto and Jerusalem cousins discovered their long lost kin rivals the exciting career of the singer himself. Genya Intrator led a Beth Tzedec mission to Moscow in 1988 to show support to refuseniks. Among its members was Rose Wolfson who lost little time in asking about the singer. Through the refuseniks, Intrator was able to arrange for Khromchenko to visit the next secret meeting of refuseniks, and did so without telling Wolfson. The Toronto woman was asked to step into another room and there she gleefully embraced the singer.

"Solomon took a great risk in coming to that secret meeting," said Schacter, the 77-year-old British-born cousin in Jerusalem, who followed up the Moscow meeting with her sister by visiting the singer and arranging for him to visit and later to emigrate to Israel.

At that fateful concert in 1945, Khromchenko's fate literally hung by a thread. The hundreds of invited guests, leaders of Russia, were waiting for some signal from Stalin. During his first number, a patriotic Tchaikovsky song, Stalin had his back to the stage, deep in conversation with his foreign minister and other officials.

Towards the end of the second number, a Neopolitan love song, Stalin broke off his conversations, and slowly turned to look at Khromchenko as the song concluded. After a moment of silence, Stalin put his hands together and applauded and everyone else, including Leningrad party chief Nikita Khrushchev and secret police chief Lavrenti Beria, followed suit.

When, later, Jewish artists were being rounded up, including Khromchenko's friend, the famous Yiddish actor and director Solomon Mikhoels, the singer "laid low" and his wife packed a suitcase in case he had to flee before the authorities nabbed him.

A rumor circulated for three days that Khromchenko had been arrested. "When I finally showed up at the Bolshoi my friends couldn't believe I was alive and they all hugged me."

The soft-spoken singer shakes his head when he recalls those days. "We were all terrified, but we never thought for a moment that they would be shot."

Khromchenko went to a cheder in the village of Zlatopol in Ukraine, a suburb of Kiev. As a youth he sang in the choir of the Odessa synagogue and was paid in sugar, flour and conserves.

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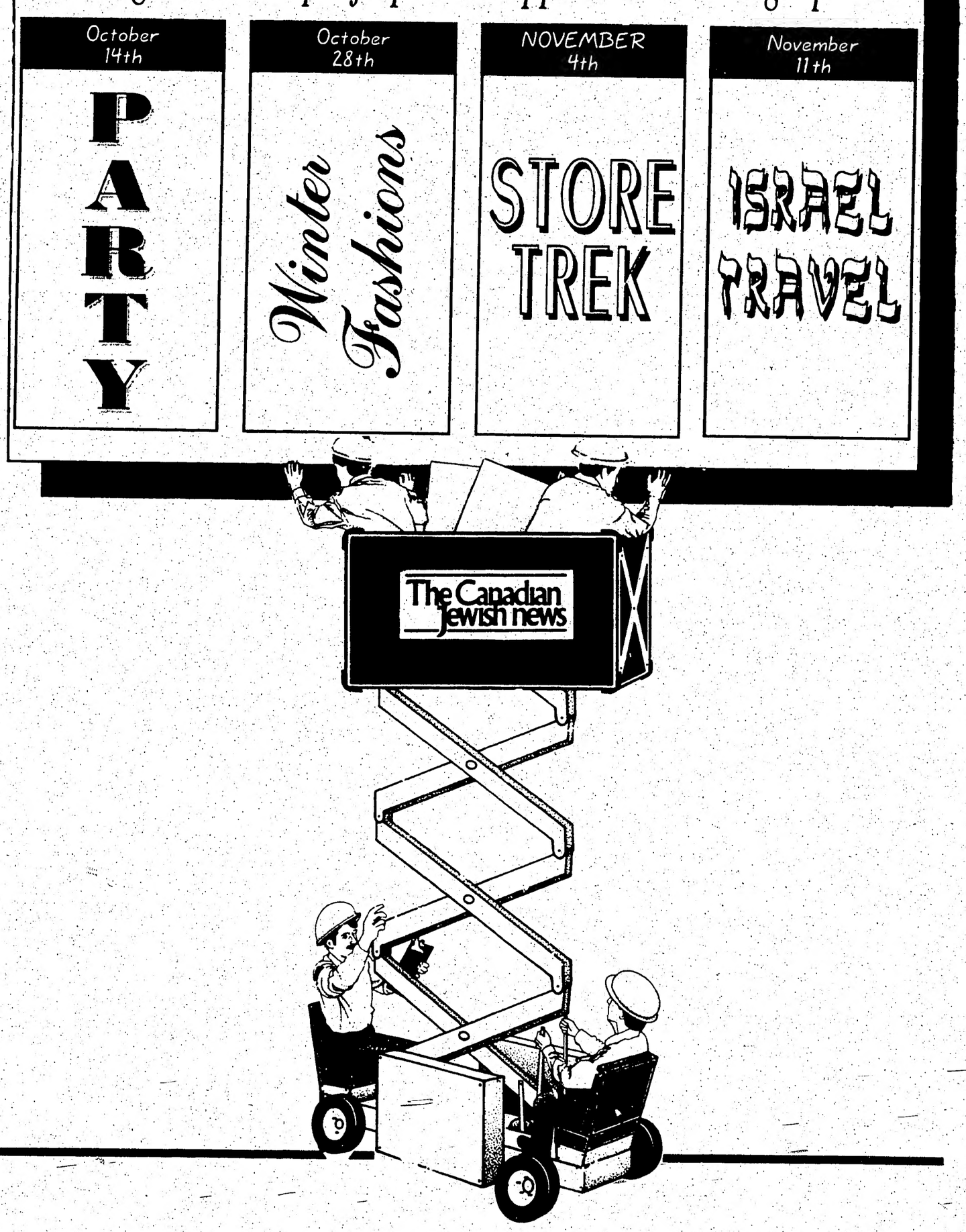


Hearst Jr. aims to end myths about his father

By ROSE KLEINER

The Hearsts: Father and Son, by William Randolph Hearst, Jr. (Roberts Rinehart Publisher, 372 pages, $34.95)

Israeli Prime Minister David Ben Gurion was one of the three most memorable leaders he met during his long journalistic career, writes William Randolph Hearst, Jr. in his biography of his famous father.

One of this century's leading media tycoons, Hearst, Sr. was also a leading media target. In this biography his son tries to dispel some of the myths that grew around him, and also writes of his own life in journalism, bringing us portraits of some of the world's major events and personalities.

Hearst, Jr. first interviewed Ben Gurion in 1955. Calling him a "legendary leader," and a man of exceptionally strong will, Ben Gurion, says Hearst, taught him that no man can truly be a leader without total commitment.

Ben Gurion, he writes, "had an inner strength and dedication that flowed from his mind and body to all those with whom he came in contact." His dynamism was such that he "communicated greatness and strength of ill in ordinary human contact. His personality transformed a simple moment into an unforgettable experience."

Hearst, Jr. started this book about his father at age 83 because he felt his father "deserves a more accurate and definitive public account of his turbulent career."

Hearst, Sr. ran some 90 different businesses and attracted international attention with his editorials, his political and socioeconomic views, and with his personal life.

Hearst, Sr. started in the newspaper business as a reporter with Joseph Pulitzer's *New York World*. By age 23 he had taken over his father's newspaper, *The San Francisco Examiner*. Then he bought the *New York Journal* and became a champion of the poor.

He was determined to run *New York World*, triggering the "fiercest newspaper war in American history."

He hired the best talents, and was the first to hire women reporters. In the early 1950s his INS wire service was the only news agency, writes his son, that did not discriminate against Jews in its hiring policies.

Eventually Papa Hearst organized the nation's largest chain of newspapers, and owned the largest publishing business in the world, with almost 40,000 employees. Among his writers were Mark Twain, Emile Zola, G. B. Shaw and Winston Churchill.

Newspapers were for the immigrants a means of learning English and adapting to their new country. Hearst, Jr. tells the story of David Sarnoff, one of the founders of NBC, who was born in Russia to Jewish parents. As a youngster, Sarnoff sold Yiddish newspapers on New York's Lower East Side, and studied English by reading newspapers which he pulled out of garbage bins.

An advocate of social and economic reform, Hearst, Sr. was elected to Congress in 1902 and 1904. At age 41 he was nominated the Democratic presidential candidate. He ran for mayor of New York City in 1905, and for governor of New York state in 1906.

While not a political success, he thrived financially. By the time the Depression set in his company was making $15 million a year, and he was spending "every dime of it," writes his son. His famous castle in San Simeon is a testament to the extravagant lifestyle he led.

The castle, which cost almost $40 million to build and furnish, contains perhaps the greatest private collection of art treasures in the U.S. After visiting the castle, Shaw said it was what God would have built if he had had the money. (Now a National Historical Landmark visited by millions, San Simeon has information brochures in seven languages, including one in Hebrew.)

In 1934 Hearst traveled to Europe, where he met with Hitler. One reason for the meeting, writes his son, was to intercede on behalf of Louis B. Mayor for Germany's Jews.

By 1937 a consortium of 17 banks had imposed a trusteeship on the Hearst corporation. Hearst was told to cut his living expenses by 70 percent. With his empire crumbling, executive salaries were slashed in half. Over 10,000 of his art objects were put up for sale at Gimbel's department store in New York. Between 1941 and 1945 his empire shrank by 40 percent.

The author speaks with candor about his father's relationship with actress Marion Davies. "In not spending more time with his wife and children my father made the biggest mistake of his life,' he writes. "It left an emptiness in all of us.'

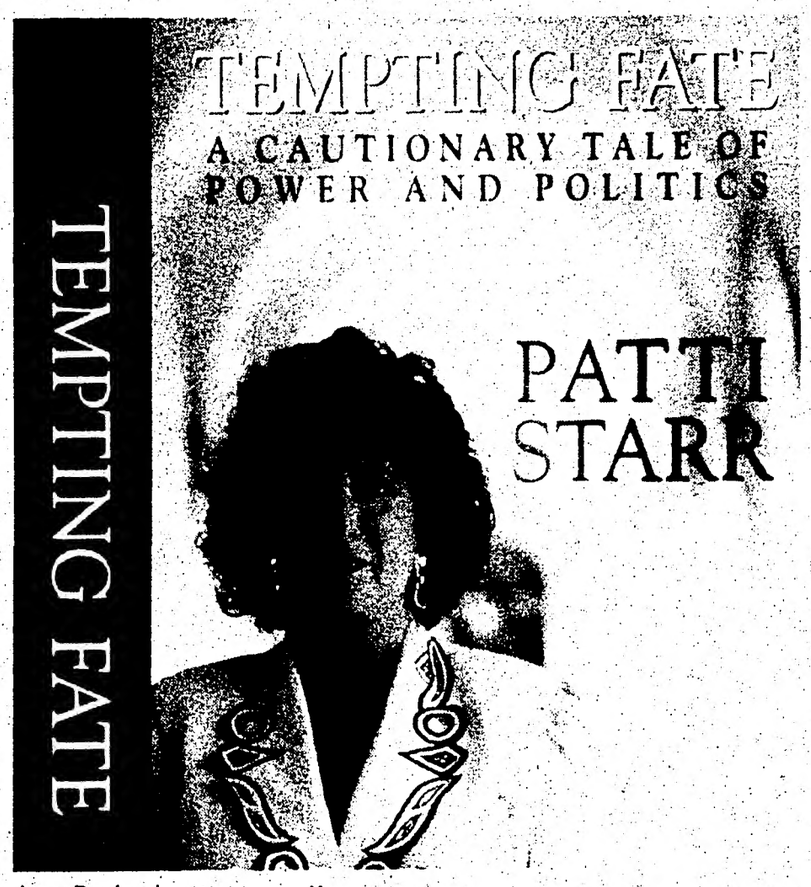
The portrayal of his father and Davies in the film *Citizen Kane* Hearst, Jr. calls an "inaccurate debasement".

Hearst, Jr. comes across as a remarkable figure, though not, as he admits, as gifted as his father was. However, his father would have been pleased to see that he won the Pulitzer Prize while editor-in-chief of Hearst newspapers.

Former communal fundraiser fails at political potboiler

By RON CSILLAG

Tempting Fate: A Cautionary Tale of Power and Politics. By Patti Starr (Stoddart Press, $24.95)



A more accurate title for Patti Starr's wannabe political potboiler would have been *The Big Boys Do It* or *Who, Moi?*

Not that the former fundraiser and Jewish communal powerhouse lets herself off easy in this 291-page self-serving yawner. Several times she concedes that it was her "self-righteous indignation" and silence "perceived as arrogance" that contributed to her downfall in 1991, when she was sentenced to six months in jail for fraud and breach of trust stemming from her volunteer work for the National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto section.

But given the petulant, pugnacious tone that shoots through this book, it's a safe bet self-deprecation wasn't easy for the author.

What we *are* told, ad nauseum, is how aggressive Starr is, how intimidating she can be, how successful she is at just about everything she did. Once would have sufficed.

At the book's launch earlier this month, Jack Stoddart said Starr's manuscript ran double the completed product's length. Could it be that the publisher's lawyers toned the thing down, perhaps even removed some of the juicier bits, such as the actual naming of names? At the height of the Starr affair some two years back, she threatened to divulge the names of top Liberals who, she said, advised her on how to legalize financial contributions to political campaigns, even if they fell into what she insists on calling "a grey area."

Alas, no doubt as a result of thorough editing, there are few eyebrow-raising revelations and few surprises in this book, if one doesn't count Starr's breezy admission of adultery.

There is, on the other hand, lots of mind-numbing minutiae about government grants, the political process, how palms are greased, how projects are put together and endless references to how "the girls" (is there a more condescending term for women?) worked their miracles at NCJW.

There are also a few howlers, at least from a Jewish point of view. Although admitting to an Orthodox upbringing, Starr recalls that her grandfather "worked as a mashgiach (ritual slaughterer of kosher meat)." A shoichet is a kosher slaughterer; a mashgiach is the inspector who looks for violations of kashrut.

Later, while serving her prison time, Patti twice "kibbutzes" — instead of kibbitzes — with fellow inmates. Kibbutz life can be hard but at least it's not jail.

Nitpicky? Well, these errors — likely not an editor's — detract from the credibility of a tale the author says is "honest," "serious, not titillating" and "sets the record straight."

Hard to swallow too are the endless conversations Starr has placed inside quotation marks, as if she had a tape recorder going the whole time. The author may invoke literary licence but few people speak in perfectly parsed sentences and the technique rings hollow after a while. For one thing, Starr admits to not being allowed to take notes in prison but then records conversations "faithfully."

The publishers, somewhat sheepishly, have admitted that journalists did not receive advance copies of the book because they feared injunctions preventing its release. The end result proves Starr's bark is worse than her bite.

Anyone remotely familiar with Starr's story must at the least admit she got things done. For that, she deserves admiration. In her heyday, Starr's tenacity and ability to see things through were unparalleled in the Jewish community, and it was all for no personal financial gain. The book does a good job of conveying that.

And if only half of what Starr says about corruption among politicians and developers at all levels of government is true, then we have plenty to worry about.

The author is dead on in her description of the organized Jewish community's propensity for turning its back on a high-profile member perceived to have committed a no-no, even before the courts confirmed it; and sadly, probably right when she notes that women resented her because "what in men they saw as ambition and assertiveness, in me they saw as ruthlessness."

In an unprecedented move in late 1989, the NCJW Toronto section expelled Starr and two other members for life. The author's reading is that the section abandoned her, and in so doing, "their actions hurt the organization much more than anything I ever did."

At her book launch, a humble Starr admitted to having gone "too far. I believed I was infallible and I got carried away. I broke the law and pleaded guilty. There's no one to blame but me."

The book, on the other hand, whines about "the hypocrisy, the double standards and the selective application of the letter of the law towards only me..." later to muse "how ironic" it is "that our initial interpretation of the Tax Act relating to political activity had been correct, or at least acceptable."

The time for this book is long past. Starr is no longer news; David Peterson no longer premier; the whole scandal is as stale as the magazine in your dentist's waiting room.

Bold prediction: This book will be in the $1.99 bin by year's end.

Eye on Arts

On Oct. 9 at 6 p.m., Family Channel will present the world television premiere of the fourth season of *Eric's World*, the award-winning half-hour series starring family entertainer, Eric Nagler. Featuring a cast of talented young performers, this family sitcom blends funny and heartwarming stories with the upbeat and innovative music of Eric and his band. Each new episode of the fourth series of *Eric's World* will premiere Saturdays at 6 p.m., while episodes of the previous seasons can be seen weekdays Monday to Friday at 11:30 a.m.

All the familiar and friendly faces are back in this new season of *Eric's World*. Eric Nagler plays Eric, a family entertainer and widowed dad who lives in a trailer with his daughter Kaley (Niki Holt), a bright teen who loves life and has a special interest in dance. His ambitious life-size puppet manager, C.J. (John Pattison), is still trying to make Eric a megastar which usually results in comical misadventures for everyone. Prue (Nicole Lyn) is Kaley's fad-crazy best friend, with Max (Ashley Brown) as the 8-year-old who lives next door and loves to hang out with Eric. His mother is Andrea (Michelyn Emelle), the supervisor of the trailer park, while Marian (Maggie Huculak) is still the librarian who is consumed by a passion for adventure. Horace (Daniel DeSanto), a newcomer from last season, is the conceited boy who lives in the trailer across the way.

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Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Love, Marriage & Family in Jewish Law & Tradition by Michael Kaufman (Jason Aronson, $40 U.S.).

[Cont'd. from Oct. 6]

Kaufman points out that marrying mainly for financial advantage is reprehensive. Judaism views such a marriage with such abhorrence "that it allows one, in order to avoid this, to violate the mitzvah of respect for one's parents."

Kaufman holds that an "intense" platonic relationship between a man and a woman is almost impossible to maintain. "The excitement of sexuality and the strength of physical desire are considered too powerful." Therefore, physical contact of any kind between unmarried men and women is prohibited by Jewish law.

Of course, sex before marriage is not acceptable. "Marriage alone is the only proper framework for sexual relations — and also the universally recognized framework for bringing children into the world and for rearing those children."

For the author, homosexuality is an abomination. "Judaism perceives physical relations between members of the same sex as a perversion of nature and of the divine order."

Sexual compulsion in any form is a violation of Jewish law. "The Torah recognizes that the success of a marriage and the development of a secure Jewish home depends in large measure on the wife. In obeying the injunction of bringing his wife joy the husband breaks ground for the eventual growth of a cohesive, committed family. Withholding conjugal relations or using sex to manipulate the other partner is strictly forbidden to either party." Sex is a wife's right and a husband's duty.

Intermarriage is, of course, prohibited because it simply negates the whole purpose for which the marriage was sanctioned. "To teach Judaism in the home, the parents must be of one mind and of one faith."

Rather surprisingly to me, Kaufman feels that a wife should have interests outside of the home. A husband is advised of the danger of denigrating his wife by associating her only with home activities. He asserts that a woman can become too involved in the home to the exclusion of other abilities, talents and interests. When this happens it could be detrimental to her well-being and to that of her household.

In dealing with "The Little Things That Count" the author suggests that "A couple should eat together. The dinner table should be devoted to regular intimate family gatherings. It is no place for a newspaper, books or television . . . it should not be used by husband and wife for arguing, or for amplifying disagreements, or for disciplining children."

This comprehensive, well-organized manual is bound to arouse controversy. Some will find it naive and unsophisticated, unaware of the real problems that people find in modern society. Others will regard it as a helpful and authentic treatise, an effective antidote to the "new morality" that is, at the same time, a reasonable and effective approach to the wisdom of tradition.

Travel

Canoeing in the Berkshires.

Spa on cutting edge of research

By MALKA WALDNER

LENOX, MASS. — I was skeptical about the benefits of spas when we drove through the imposing stone gates of the 120-acre Canyon Ranch in the Berkshires. Little did I know that my life would change amongst the manicured French gardens and 19th-century fountains of The Ranch.

The health and fitness haven is peacefully nestled among the rolling Berkshires hills in southern Massachusetts. It is a far cry from the Florida fat farms and pampering palaces which starve guests but overdose them on exercise and massage.

This $40-million facility is on the cutting edge of applied research not only in nutrition and physical fitness, but in mental and spiritual health. The army of professionals, from certified nutritionists to exercise physiotherapists, gently taught me nutrition, exercise and relaxation techniques to take home. I ate well, kept the extra pounds off, brought blood cholesterol levels down, and found some balance between work and relaxation.

Mel Zuckerman, founder of Canyon Ranch, has called himself "...the man who had everything: asthma, high blood pressure, hiatal hernias, ulcers and [an extra] 40 pounds." Now the lean and fit Zuckerman has taken the lead in offering a holistic approach to health. He deeply believes that mind fitness — emotional and spiritual health — is as important as physical fitness. Psychologists, doctors and physical therapists are on hand to help alleviate depression, chronic pain and even sleep disorders.

This is not the place to casually spend $2,000 to $3,000 (U.S.) to lose just a few pounds or tighten up flaccid muscles. Executives, socialites and celebrities like Barbara Streisand and Christie Brinkley come here to increase the quality of their lives. No wonder *Conde Nast Traveler* magazine voted the Berkshire fitness resort and its sister spa in Tucson, Ariz., as best spas in the world.

Important decision

In the spa's dining room I reached an important life decision. I said goodbye to such delicacies as grilled veal chops in paprika sauce and peach champagne chicken and was introduced to the world of gourmet vegetarian food. Lori Reamer, the spa's registered dietician, gave me V.E.G., a Vegetarian Menu Planner, along with appropriate weight goals, and solid recipes that include vegetarian exotics such as Chinese bok choy, Japanese adzuki beans and cholesterol-lowering amaranth grain.

The 4-year-old spa doesn't advocate vegetarianism, instead offering a varied diet of both meat and vegetarian fare that is low-fat and high in carbohydrates. There I was introduced to a cuisine in step with the latest nutrition research concerning the prevention of heart disease, cancer and increasing longevity.

The Ranch's 100,000-sq.ft. spa building is fitness heaven to the hard-bodied exercise crowd. The six gyms, glass-enclosed weight room filled with shiny new Keiser weight equipment, tennis courts, running track and 75-ft. indoor lap pool could easily please an Olympic team.

Don't even think of tackling the complete spa menu of 47 exercise classes a day, from country line dancing to spiritual fitness classes like tai chi, yoga and breathing classes. Choose classes at your fitness level, and try something you wouldn't do that at home like boxercise, a good workout using boxing techniques.

Canyon Ranch is not all about exercise and retreat. The spa is near some of America's most applauded cultural showcases like the venerable Berkshire Theatre Festival and The Tanglewood Music Festival.

For more information about Canyon Ranch in the Berkshires call toll-free 1-800-742-9000. For more information about the Tanglewood Music Festival and the Berkshires, contact the Berkshires Visitor's Bureau, The Common, Pittsburgh, MA 01201, U.S.A. Tel: (413) 443-9186.

TRAVEL TALK

Large investments in the tourism infrastructure and marketing of tourism to Israel was recently agreed upon by the prime minister of Israel, Yitzhak Rabin and the Minister of Tourism, Uzi Baram.

Baram requested from the prime minister to double the ministry's budget. This request was in response to the recent marketing strategies that resulted in an increase of travellers to Israel. Baram stressed the importance of tourism for strengthening Israel's economic situation and that as the peace process advances, tourism will play an even greater role. The tourism industry plays such a vital role due to its "added value" and the fact that tourism provides a wealth of employment throughout the country.

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Oshawa Group

Jonathan Wolfe

With sales surpassing $5 billion in 1992, the Oshawa Group is one of the major players in the Canadian food industry, with interests in the wholesaling and retailing of food, providing food services to franchisees and operating a chain of retail drugstores. Founded by the late Ray Wolfe, the Oshawa Group operates in all provinces except British Columbia and services over 600 independently-owned IGA stores. The Oshawa Group also operates corporately-owned stores that trade under a number of banners, the best known being IGA, Food City, Dutch Boy, Price Chopper and Knechtel.

Jonathan Wolfe, son of Ray and Rose Wolfe, has held a succession of management positions with the Oshawa Group, including general manager of the Ontario food division and vice-president of all food operation. He was named president and chief operating officer in June 1990.

He spoke to The CJN's Paul Lungen in the company's offices in Etobicoke.

CJN: *How has the recession affected the Oshawa Group? Looking at the financial statement, it appears as if your sales have been going up.*

Wolfe: Sales have been going up. That's been generated in the past year-and-a-half by a number of strategic acquisitions [but] the base business has been impacted by the recession. Most people tend to think of food as recession-proof. It's not, because when people are worried about their source of income — and everybody is — they're more prudent in their expenditures. The most obvious expenditure is the one you make every week in cash. That's groceries.

So in a lot of ways people cut back on their weekly grocery bill from where it was two or three years ago at the height of the boom times. They'll do simple things like trim down. Instead of buying a couple of packages of cookies, they might buy a bag of fruit. Instead of buying an expensive cut of meat, they might buy hamburger, or pasta.

The impact doesn't seem like a lot but if you're processing a million customers a week and each customer reduces [his] average order by a dollar, that's $50 million [a year].

What it means for our company or for other companies is that to maintain their sales level, you have to sell more.

The other thing that is very apparent in our industry is that retail prices have come down in the past couple of years. Is it because of more competition, is it because of free trade, is it because of greater efficiency, is it because of cross-border shopping, the GST? [It's] all of the above.

The impact is interesting because as retail prices have come down, most of our costs have not. So if you're making a little less in everything you sell, but it costs you a little more to sell each package, your margins are squeezed and your profitability is impacted.

[Our sales have grown] in real terms because we're selling more units, but at a lower price. The analogy I can give is that you have to run faster on the treadmill to stand still. So if we're improving our sales and profitability, it's because not only are we selling more packages at lower prices, but we have to improve our market share and that means taking it from somebody else.

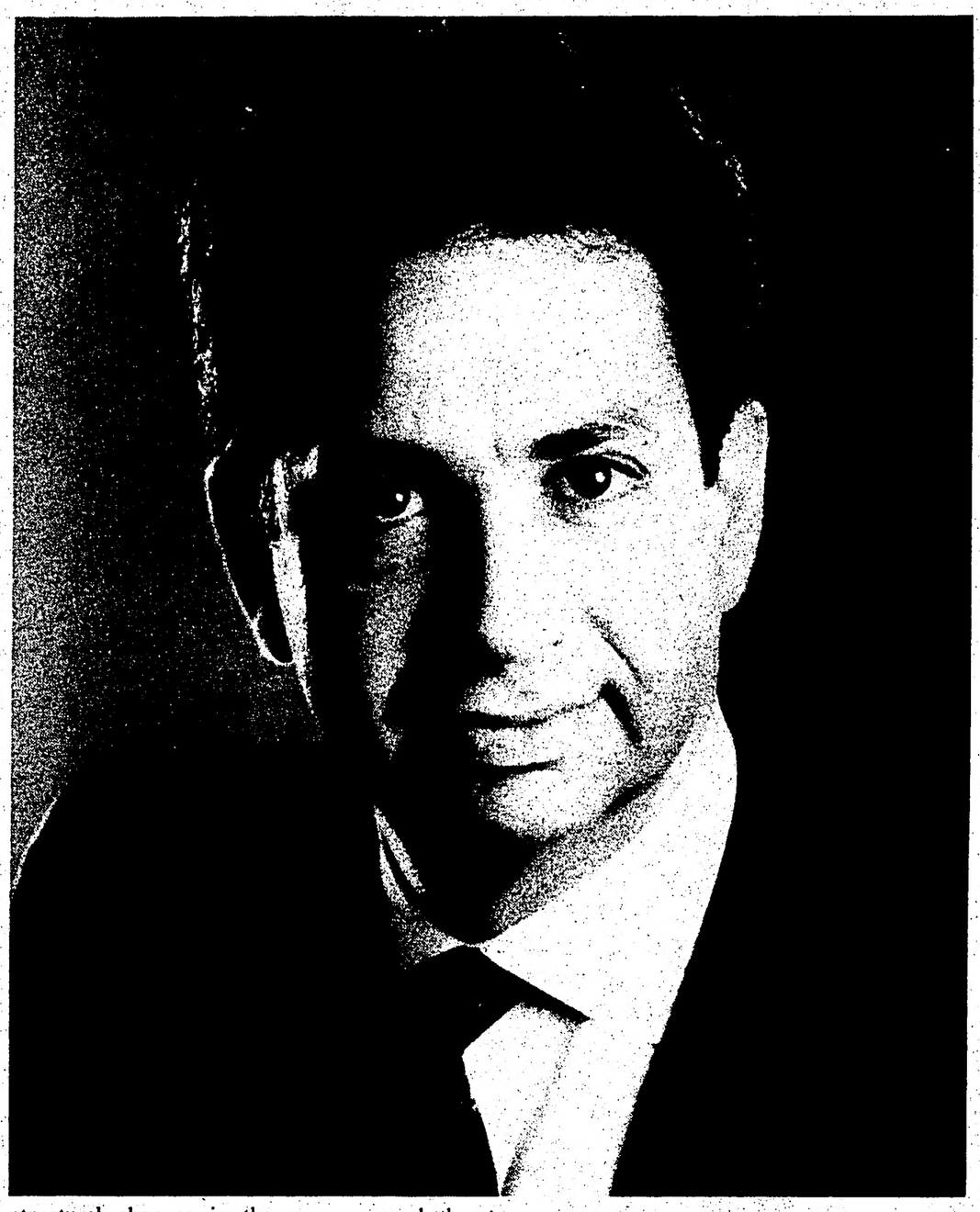
CJN: *Are you forecasting that people will return to their old shopping habits?*

Wolfe: I don't think they will go back to their old shopping habits. I think people have adjusted [their] expectation levels. People are coming to terms with the fact that there have been major structural changes in the economy and the changes haven't finished.

Attitudes that were pervasive in the '80s are memories. We're not in a cyclical downturn alone. We're in both a cyclical and a structural change and that will mean that people will perceive value differently and make choices differently. People will be looking for better-value for their money.

CJN: *You mentioned that your margins are being squeezed. Isn't the grocery business one that has small profit margins to start with?*

Wolfe: Absolutely correct. Historically and traditionally, people in this industry have been pleased with a one percent after-tax profit. Even that, it's becoming harder and harder for many players in the industry to achieve. Profitability in this industry has historically been far below that of many others. But even that small level has come under real pressure in the past three or four years.



CJN: *You've mentioned restructuring. In the year 2000, how will your business be different than it is today?*

Wolfe: We've been [restructuring] for the last three years. Other players in the industry began certain elements of restructuring in prior years and will continue it.

Over the next five or 10 years, I expect operators in the retail and wholesale food business will provide things differently.

In our case in particular, we have two objectives. One is to convince more and more retail customers that stores carrying our banners are good places to shop for real value. The second is to provide our franchisees all the tools they need to demonstrate conclusively that as independent business people they can most effectively serve the shopping public.

That will manifest itself in a couple of ways. In terms of dealing with franchisees, we will have to continue to upgrade the systems and methodologies we use to enable them to focus all their energies on servicing the shopping public.

If we do our jobs properly here, then the franchisees can devote all their time and energy to the shopping public. In other words, they're in their stores and they discharge their responsibilities by doing a better job of servicing their retail customers than the next guy. If we give them all the tools, they can do it.

CJN: *What tools are you talking about?*

Wolfe: It would include all the behind-the-scenes logistics support that would enable them to have the proper selection of products at the right prices and the right time, on a consistent basis. That's where things often go wrong in our industry. For whatever reason, a product is delayed getting from a source of supply to the retail shelf. Our focus is to take that hassle out of the business for the franchisee.

The second target we would aim for is to ensure that the franchisee, as well as our own corporate stores, would have an effective mix of products that would satisfy the retail shopping customer. And that sounds simple, but it's not. It involves choices and decisions, which are becoming clearer and in fact are polarizing.

Some companies have elected to provide to their customers a uniform offering of national brand products, and nothing else. Others have elected to provide an abundance, in fact a preponderance, of store brands. Those retailers in many cases have made it very difficult for the shopping public to choose between a national brand and a store label. They make the decision that the customer only wants 'X'.

Our approach is very different. Our approach is to provide complete selection of national brand products and complement it with a very effective, selected offering of store brands. Among store brands, we will offer the kind of choices the consuming public has asked for.

That will include things like products packed in larger sizes, obviating the need for people to go to club stores; a broad selection of store-label products which competes in quality with national brands but which is offered at a lower price; a line of value products that clearly offers the lowest price available for acceptable value; and finally, a prestige line of products that offers exceptional value at prices noticeably below the best of national brands.

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Jonathan Wolfe

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And that lineup is complemented by a strong a broad selection of national brands. We believe [that gives] the consumer an effective choice and they are not being corralled into a product selection that is below their normal threshold of acceptability.

CJN: *What are the trends developing for customer choices of food products?*

Wolfe: All kinds of trends are developing that I would describe as really schizophrenic. There has been a noticeable decrease in the consumption of red meat, based on people's perceptions of fat content and a real effort on the part of meal-planners in the home to improve the health quality of the meal. We see shifts from red meat to poultry, which many people believe is a more healthful offering than red meat.

At the same time, there is an ongoing growth in extremely high fat-content foods, which seems to contradict the first trend. For example, premium ice creams are continuing to grow. Other examples would be ongoing growth of highly-salted, and hydrogenated-oiled snack foods like potato chips. Good old-fashioned, greasy potato chips. There's a growth in other snack foods. For example, corn chips and potato chips. It's not clear that the preponderance of the public is actually reading the back of the package to verify fat and cholesterol content.

CJN: *Is there a trend towards more international food purchases, like olives from Italy, capers from France? How does that vary from region to region, and city to city?*

Wolfe: The second part of your question is very important. Canada is very different from the United States in that we have not become a melting pot. We are still a nation of communities. That has two impacts. It enables cultural ties to be retained through more generations than in the United States and it has preserved foods associated with cultures. As lines of communications shorten and people travel from place to place, it has provided larger markets for what used to be considered specialty foods that were restricted to parochial neighborhoods.

We're starting to get an unbelievable proliferation of what used to be called specialty foods. That choice will grow as people realize that more and more cultural communities offer a variety that is not necessarily difficult to incorporate into a meal plan and it adds a little spice into what might become a normal, routine sequence of menus.

CJN: *What has been the impact and what will be the impact on your business of free trade?*

Wolfe: I'd like to answer that in two ways. Right now, I would describe it, two years after it started, as neutral, with a lot of ups and a lot of downs.

Some of the downs that are popularized are easy to sense. As manufacturing facilities are closed or moved, they take with them jobs. From our perspective as retailers or wholesalers, they take away consumers.

On the positive side, as tariffs come off some products, they can be imported into Canada less expensively. Further, as industry restructures, we are starting to get some very efficient manufacturing facilities and they are slowly, with little fanfare, hiring people. As they hire, they rebuild the purchasing power of those communities. I expect that trend to continue. But the problem is that the restructuring that has taken place is long, painful and it's not over.

CJN: *For the consumer, what effect has free trade had on the products he or she can buy in the store, in terms of price and availability?*

Wolfe: [Free trade] to some degree has had an impact. But there are a whole series of other variables that impact on the selection and price of food that no one ever talks about. They are non-tariff barriers within Canada that are serious and significant and they are impeding a reduction in price and an increase in variety.

CJN: *Can you give some examples?*

Wolfe: What the Health Protection Branch of the Department of Health in Ottawa determines to be healthy may have no resemblance whatsoever to what the Food and Drug Administration in the United States considers to be healthy. A specific example is that detergents in the United States are not welcome here, and the reverse is true because each regulatory body has different measures as to what is healthy for human use or consumption.

Two other examples: In Canada we insist on metric measurement. The United States does not, so if the United States is manufacturing a run of a product, they would have to stop the manufacturing run and label it with a different unit of measurement if they wanted to export it to Canada. Pounds would have to go metric.

Speaking of labelling, the other impediment we have is the bilingual requirement. If you're manufacturing peas in Minneapolis, chances are [the labels are] in English and in pounds. If you send it to Canada, it has to be both in French and metric. So between the health protection branch, weights and measures and the Official Languages Act, those are three major non-tariff barriers to cross-border traffic, all of which add costs to the Canadian consumer.

There's one more and it has to do with subsidies to farming communities. In the United States, farmers are subsidized through the tax system and the price of farm products is set by the free market.

In Canada, we subsidize our farmers through marketing boards, and they inflate the price of products. The difference is that the American consumer can buy products. . . like meat, poultry and eggs at prices lower than Canadian consumers. It should be understood we don't necessarily subsidize our farmers more than the Americans do, we just do it in a different way. Whereas Americans do it through the general tax regime, we have the consumers pay for it. That has a major impact on the retail price of those products.

Other variables [affecting purchases of U.S.-grown or Canadian-grown farm products] include seasons, timing, weather, exchange rates. But as far as consumers are concerned, those have far less impact than the structural barriers to free trade.

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HMV sets the trend in retail music business

At a time when many are in mourning for the Canadian retail sector, how come one retailer has managed to double its sales in the last 12 months?

In an age when empty stores are a mall fixture, how come one retailer has surpassed $100 million in sales — with a corresponding jump in profits?

Since opening its first store in the summer of 1988, HMV Canada has woken up the Canadian retail scene with an aggressive, take-no-prisoners style. It achieves its extraordinary success by being anything but ordinary.

"Our success is totally based on a set of core values which empower people to achieve extraordinary things," says Paul Alofs, president of HMV. While other retailers are finally starting to sit up and take notice of such current buzz words as empowerment and decentralization, they've been a way of life at HMV Canada from the beginning, in stores across the country.

"We believe in hiring the best people — people with a real interest in, and knowledge of music — and then trusting them and giving them the power to truly serve their customers needs. That means taking such radical retail action as allowing even part-time staff to make buying, merchandising and operational decisions."

Store managers have the scope to run their stores like independent companies — companies that average more than $3 million in sales. In fact, the flagship store on Yonge Street in Toronto could be traded on the stock exchange. It does in the vicinity of $20 million in sales and has more than a 100 staff members. "Most retailers expect their staff to be dead from the neck up and steal them blind . . . and treats them that way," says Alofs. "We believe in a simple principle: good people must be trusted and empowered to make things happen for our customers."

HMV's unique methods have garnered a growing number of impressive accolades. The Retail Council of Canada recently presented HMV with its 1992 Innovative Canadian Retailer of the Year Award, while the Recording Industry voted HMV Music Retailer of the Year for the fourth consecutive year. Last March, the International Council of Shopping Centres awarded HMV first place and its Maple Leaf Design Award in the 5,000-squre-foot and under category for the chain's Yorkdale store. The Toronto chapter of the American Marketing Association also presented HMV with an award for Best Service Marketing. Last year, HMV Canada also became the first division outside the United Kingdom to win the HMV Group's Business Excellence Award.

"A great music store is like a good club," says Alofs. "It has energy, vitality, personality and excitement. And that's a function of the people, the staff and the customers, not necessarily the store design or the inventory control system. Walking into one of our stores . . . should give you that same jolt of adrenaline you get upon entering a great club.

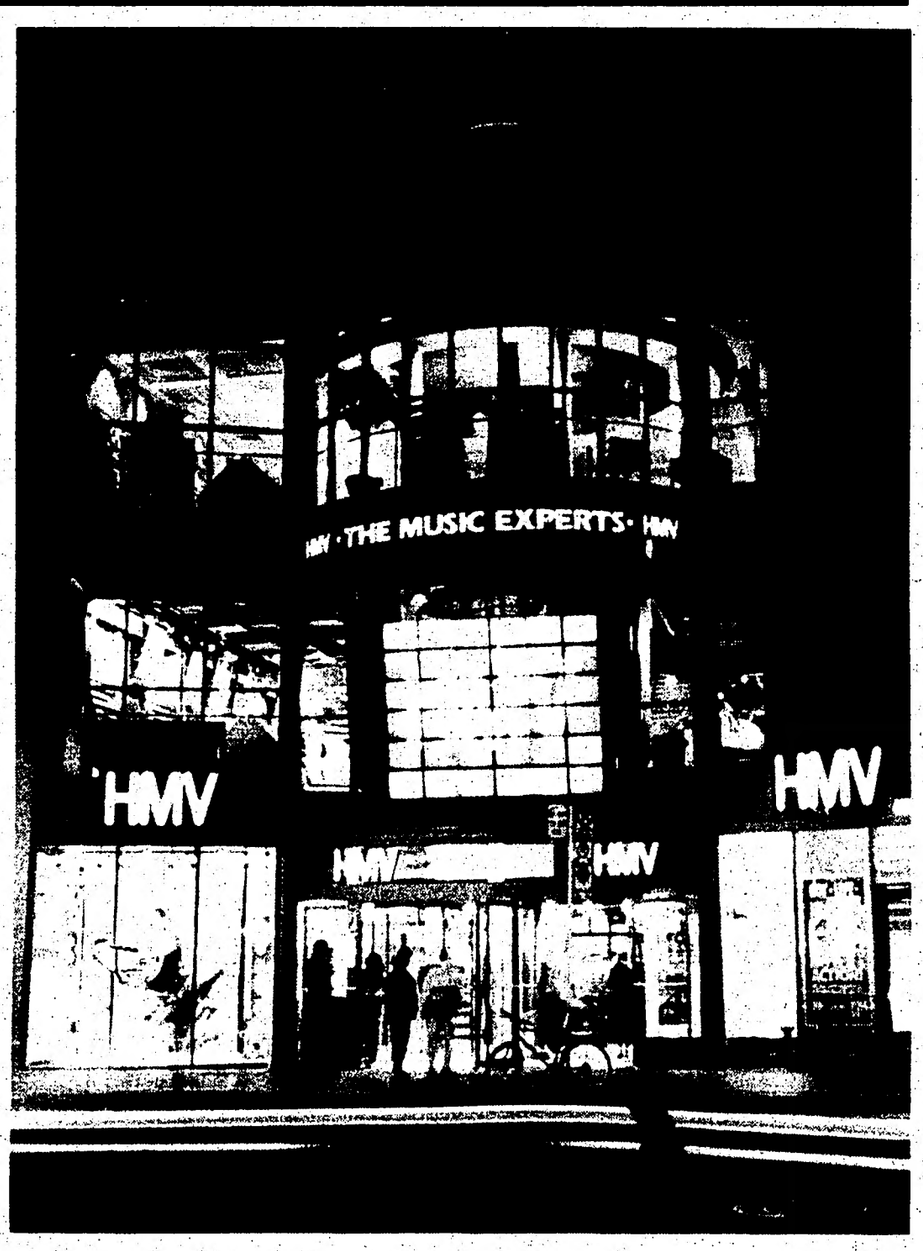
"Firing up that furnace of energy means keeping staff inspired and excited. We spend at least five times what all our competitors spend on training and development," says Alofs. The chain is also famous for its seemingly continuous staff parties and events, and, of course, concerts. Last year, HMV Canada rewarded six store managers with concert tickets to see Bon Jovi, on New Year's Eve, in Tokyo.

"We have a warehouse guy who's a Beatles fanatic. He does a great job and last year we sent him to London to see Paul McCartney at Wembley stadium," says Alofs. "And our British division arranged for him to go backstage and meet Paul and Linda." Little wonder that a recent ad for seven positions at a new store garnered more than a hundred resumes!

Of course, it's not all fun and games. In fact, HMV has one of the world's most sophisticated retail tracking systems in its Toronto superstore. "Most record chains do inventory once a year," says Alofs. "I can check the product movement and get full financials on every store by 10 a.m. Monday morning."

It's a capability that also allows HMV to respond to local buying patterns by customizing its line-up. "The number one bestseller is usually the same all over the country, but 10 through 50 vary wildly depending on where you are," he explains. And, of course, local staff can order product to feed local tastes.

HMV is clearly a retail maverick. Alofs, 36, admits that he has thankfully forgotten just about everything he learned at business school. Instead of dictating from the top down, his store managers are usually telling him what to do.



HMV Canada's flagship store is located on Toronto's Yonge Street.

Security firm thriving

By BRUCE PARKINSON

The alarming increase in the number of residential and commercial burglaries over the past few years has meant good news for companies in the security business.

One such firm is Maxwell Security, run by former Israeli Arie (Eric) Bouskila. Just 29-years-old, Bouskila formed his own company four years ago after gaining experience with industry heavyweight Chubb, and has since enjoyed considerable growth.

"There's always more crime during a recession," says Bouskila, "and awareness of that fact has helped build the business. Word of mouth is the biggest factor — we offer very personal service and know each of our clients by name."

That word of mouth has worked especially well in the Jewish community, where Bouskila estimates about 40 percent of his business lies.

Bouskila works closely with fellow Israeli Benjamin Wein. He emigrated to Canada from Kibbutz Gaash, while Bouskila grew up in Jerusalem.

Much of their work is residential, but as well as home alarm systems Maxwell offers intercoms, closed-circuit TV, gas leak detectors, medical "panic" buttons and full commercial burglary and fire alarm units.

Stores are a major burglary target, and Bouskila says several of his commercial customers have been saved from robbery by the alarm systems he installed.

New homes are a major target for thieves as well. Bouskila says many new homeowners move in and then have an alarm system installed. Often it's too late.

"The first few days are critical. Thieves go after new homes right after people move in and before the system is installed. It's happened in at least five homes we've dealt with so far. We tell all our customers to install the system before moving their belongings in."

Another word of advice from Bouskila is that fire departments tend to be the fastest to respond to emergencies. "I'd call them first if you ever need medical assistance," he says.

Home security systems start at about $700 for a quality unit. But having one installed can save homeowners 10-15 percent on house insurance. Those who have optional fire- and gas leak-monitoring equipment installed can raise that figure to 20 percent or more. "The systems can pay for themselves over time," says Bouskila.

Not only that, alarm systems can save your life. *The CJN* interviewed a woman from Richmond Hill who says her family owes their lives to Israeli-made gas-leak monitoring equipment installed by Bouskila.

The woman, who didn't want her name used to avoid upsetting relatives, says she, her husband and their four children were sound asleep when an alarm went off in their house. When they reached the basement to check the problem they were unable to tell whether the alarm was for high carbon monoxide levels or a natural gas leak. They evacuated and called the fire department, which measured carbon monoxide levels of 300 in the basement of their home. The gas can be lethal at 30.

The cause of the problem was never clearly determined, though the discovery of a large, decomposing bird in their furnace was thought to have something to do with it.

The bottom line however, came when the fire chief informed the woman that if the gas levels had continued to rise, it would have been unlikely that any of the family would have woken up in the morning.

"Those alarms were the best money we ever spent," says the woman.

"That was unbelievable," says Bouskila. "Those products are fairly expensive and hard to sell. Only four or five out of 400 clients purchased the gas leak monitors, and she was one of them. But they can save your life, especially here in Canada where people don't leave their windows open that often."

It's an old story: paying for protection is easy to grumble about when it's time to sign the cheque, but when it happens to you . .

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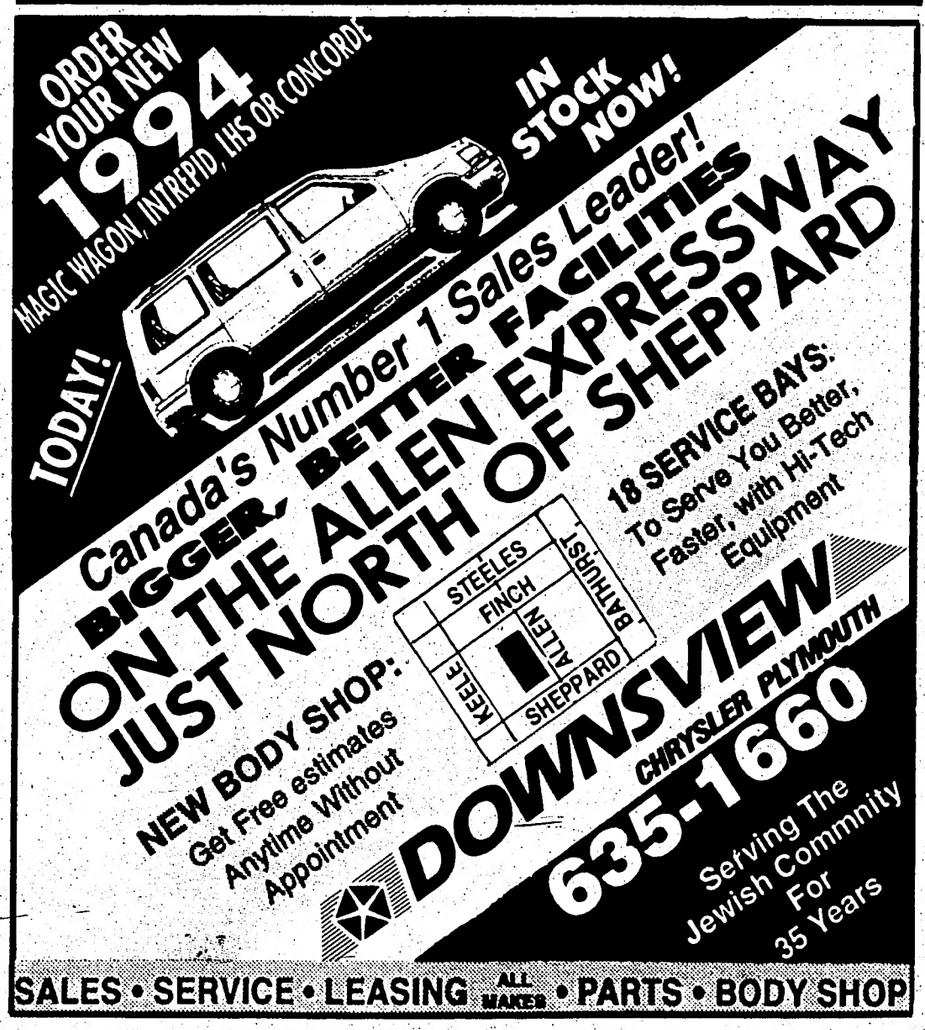

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330 OBITUARIES

Ceresne, Hannah (Ann) on September 18, 1993
Hacker, Max on September 22, 1993
Halpert, Betty on September 22, 1993, late of 1201 Steeles Ave. W. #608
Kahan, Joseph on September 22, 1993, late of 8501 Bauyview Ave., #714
Kaplan, Abraham on September 22, 1993, late of 1 Canyon Ave., #304
Tretis, Hotel on September 19, 1993, late of 4455 Bathurst St., #821
Tsipelovan, Matvey on September 22, 1993, late of 4266 Bathurst St., #905
Applebaum, Max on September 24, 1993, late of 98 Waterloo Ave.
Benyair, Jacob on September 26, 1993, late of 35 Canyon Ave. #1205
Cohen, Annie on September 25, 1993, late of 32 Wasdale Cres., #9
Fisch, Leslie on September 24, 1993, late of 4 Bexhill Crt., #8
Grosmanova, Amalia on September 27, 1993
Jacob, Nandor on September 26, 1993
Kalb, Elchanan on September 26, 1993, late of 1101 Steeles Ave. W. #209
Kreiderman, Jack on September 25, 1993
Matalon, Joseph David on September 26, 1993
Rapaport, Annie (Hanna) on September 26, 1993, late of 65 Wenderly Drive

Steeles-College Memorial Chapel

Laura Shandloff on Sep 10/93, late of 3560 Bathurst St.
Morris Wengle on Sep 10/93, late of 645 Castlefield
Solomon Cappe on Sep 11/93, late of 355 St. Clair Ave. West #1507
Rebecca Wagman on Sep 12/93, late of 113 Almore Avenue
Howard Goldberg on Sep 12/93, late of 33 Davisville
Morris Greene on Sep 12/93, late of 1085 Steeles Avenue West #705
Clara Bokser on Sep 13/93, late of 535 Sheppard Avenue West
Dora Robins on Sep 12/93, late of 1170 R.V.C. #805
Benjamin Lerner on Sep 13/93, late of 4005 Bayview Avenue P.H. #7
Dorothy Kramer on Sep 14/93, late of 740 York Mills Road #1502
Harold Hellen on Sep 15/93, late of 4005 Bayview Avenue #819
Maurice Orenbach on Sep 15/93, late of 675 Roselawn Avenue #109
Daniel Goldstein on Sep 15/93, late of 82 Thornhill Crescent
Margaret Rothschild on Sep 15/93, late of 5578 Van Vliet Road
Ray Applebaum on Sep 17/93, late of 6 Fraserwood Ave. #5
Ursula Gerstl on Sep 15/93, late of 14 Anthony Rd.
Ben Kutnowski on Sep. 17/93, late of 32 Evanston Dr.
Toby Skrobacky on Sep 17/93, late of 3560 Bathurst Street
Carrie Schwarz on Sep 15/93, late of 630 Briar Hill Avenue
Morris Chesley on Sep 16/93, late of 616 Avenue Rd #103
Alice Cohen on Sep 19/93, late of 5935 Bathurst Street
Helen Tucker on Sep 21/93, late of 55 Ameer
Samuel Siegal on Sep 22/93, late of 6040 Bathurst Street #1208
Nathan Madorsky on Sep 23/93, late of 70 Montrose Avenue

BENJAMIN'S PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL

335 UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late Max Hamer will take place on Sunday Oct.. 10 1993, 11 a.m. at Pardes Shalom Cemetery-Temple Sinai Section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late Alex Hertzman will take place Sunday Oct.10 at 10:30 a.m. at Pardes Shalom Memorial Park Adath Israel section. Relatives and friends are invited.

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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will take place
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Leslie Reitman ז"ל
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Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Shaarei Shomayim Section
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The unveiling of a monument to the loving memory of the late
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Sally Munpel ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, October 10th
12:00 noon
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Chamber elects new president

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — On September 29, architect Terry Cristall became the third Jewish president of the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce. A partner with Number Ten Achitectural Group, Cristall has been in the profession for over 20 years. Outstanding among his recent work are Winnipeg's two new government operated, themed gambling casinos which opened in June.

Cristall has been active in the Chamber of Commerce for about 15 years. He has found the chamber to be the only organization in the general community that deals with the issues that effect the ability to do business.

"It is a collective voice with a broad-based membership," he says of the chamber. "It is the perfect vehicle for championing issues of concern to those of us in the business community and for presenting our case to government."

Cristall credits his sense of community service to his father, businessman Reuben Cristall. "My father has been a strong pillar in my life," he says. "He showed by example that one should contribute to the community you live in. He operated a business (Stylerite Department Stores Ltd.) with 400 employees. He always had the time to talk with his employees and help them with their problems. When I have a problem to work out, I often ask myself how my father would have dealt with it."

Although not involved in any leadership roles within the Jewish community in recent years, Cristall has a strong feeling for his heritage developed primarily as a teenager when he was part of the group that founded Kadima and AZA (American Zionist Association) chapters in Winnipeg in the late 1950s. His adult contributions to the Jewish community have often come in the form of professional expertise. He has provided his services to the Shaarey Zedek and Herzlia Synagogues in south Winnipeg and a synagogue in Calgary.

The work he is proudest of, though, is his design of the new Mount Carmel Clinic in the early 1980s. The north Winnipeg medical institution held special meaning for him. One of his grandfathers was a past president and he himself was a member of the board for many years.

"We tried to de-institutionalize it," he recalls. "We tried not to build a sterile, hospital environment. I think that we succeeded to a large extent."

Among Cristall's goals during his one-year tenure as president of the Chamber of Commerce is to strengthen the relationship between business, labor and government in a united effort to make Winnipeg one of Canada's leading cities again. He also wants to help small business and build a strong partnership between the Chamber and the city's educational institutions.

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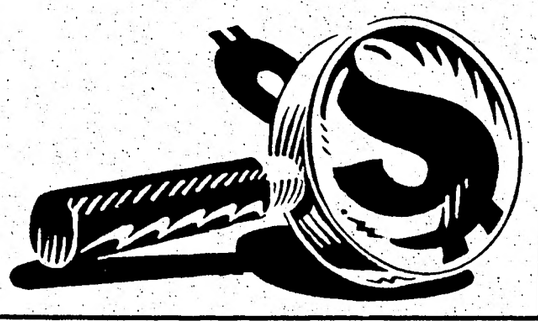

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